

INGS ARE PAYABLE. Every contract or agreement of any character whatsoever of such laborer or employee, the purpose of which is to waive this right of exemption, shall be absolutely void, provided, however, that the salary or wages of any laborer or employee shall not be exempt from attachment, levy or lien at the instance of the State for income tax due the State by any such laborer or employee. [This section shall not be applicable in Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Worcester counties.]

(b) *No employer may discharge any employee by reason of the fact that his earnings have been subjected to garnishment for any one indebtedness ON ANY ONE OCCASION within a calendar year and whoever wilfully violates this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and/or imprisonment not exceeding one year.*

[31A.

In Cecil County no attachment of the wages or hire of any laborer or employees, in the hands of the employer, whether private individuals or bodies corporate, shall affect any salary or wages of the debtor which are not actually due at the date of the attachment; and the sum of seventy-five percent (75%) of such wages or hire due any laborer or employee by any employer or corporation is exempt from attachment by any process whatever. Every contract or agreement of any character whatsoever of such laborer or employee, the purpose of which is to waive this right of exemption, shall be absolutely void, provided, however, that the salary or wages of any laborer or employee shall not be exempt from attachment, levy or lien at the instance of the State for income tax due the State by any laborer or employee.]

[31B.

In Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's and Worcester counties no attachment of the wages or hire of any laborer or employees, in the hands of the employer, whether private individuals or bodies corporate, shall affect any salary or wages of the debtor which are not actually due at the date of the attachment; and the sum of seventy-five percent (75%) of such wages or hire due any laborer or employee by any employer or corporation is exempt from attachment by any process whatever. Every contract or agreement of any character whatsoever of such laborer or employee, the purpose of which is to waive this right of exemption, shall be absolutely void, provided, however, that the salary or wages of any laborer or employee shall not be exempt from attachment, levy or lien at the instance of the State for income tax due the State by any laborer or employee.]

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.*

Approved April 28, 1970

CHAPTER 445
(House Bill 523)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 6(i) of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Supple-