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(a) No attachment of the wages or hire of any laborer or employee, in the hands of the employer, whether private individuals or bodies incorporate, shall affect any salary or wages of the debtor which are not actually due at the date of the attachment, and the sum of ~~one hundred dollars~~ *one hundred twenty dollars* multiplied by the number of weeks in which such wages due were earned or seventy-five percent (75%) of such wages of hire, whichever is greater, due to any laborer or employee by any employer or corporation shall always be exempt from attachment by any process whatever except that in Caroline, Worcester, Kent and Queen Anne's counties the exemption for any workweek shall be the greater or seventy-five percent (75%) of the wages due or thirty (30) times the federal minimum hourly wage provided by Section 6 (a) (1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, U.S.C. Tit. 29, Section 206 (a) (1), in effect at the time the earnings 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.

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

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 28, 1971.

 CHAPTER 769

(Senate Bill 830)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 96 (a) of Article 75 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Pleadings, Practice and Process At Law," subtitle "Bases of Personal Jurisdiction Over Persons Outside this State," to provide that a court may exercise personal jurisdiction over a person causing tortious injury both in this State or outside this State.

WHEREAS, In 1964, as amended in 1970, by the General Assembly, the bases of personal jurisdiction over persons outside this State were expanded by the enactment of Article 75, Sections 94, 95 and 96 as supplementary to any law of this State providing for personal jurisdiction over persons outside this State and nothing contained in Article 75 shall repeal or modify any law of this State authorizing the exercise of jurisdiction on any basis other than the basis provided herein as set out in Section 2 of Ch. 95, Acts 1964.