

CHAPTER 591

(House Bill 986)

AN ACT to add new Section 8A to Article 83 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Sales and Notices," subtitle "Exemption from Execution," to follow immediately after Section 8 thereof, to allow a debtor to elect as between his rights under Section 8(a) of Article 83 of this Act, as to exemption from execution, and it shall be presumed that the debtor has made his election under this Act unless he affirmatively claims the exemption under subsection 8(a).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 8A be and it is hereby added to Article 83 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Sales and Notices," subtitle "Exemption from Execution," to follow immediately after Section 8 thereof, to read as follows:

8A.

IN LIEU OF THE EXEMPTION GRANTED IN SUBSECTION 8(A) OF THIS ARTICLE, THE DEFENDANT MAY ELECT TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS EXEMPT FROM EXECUTION: ONE STOVE, ONE WASHING MACHINE, ONE REFRIGERATOR, KITCHEN UTENSILS AND DISHES, ONE BED AND MATTRESS FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE DEFENDANT'S FAMILY, BLANKETS, SHEETS, PILLOWS AND PILLOW CASES, CHEST OF DRAWERS, ONE KITCHEN TABLE AND CHAIRS AND ALL FOOD TO BE CONSUMED BY THE DEFENDANT AND HIS FAMILY. IT SHALL BE PRESUMED THAT THE DEBTOR HAS MADE HIS ELECTION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, UNLESS HE AFFIRMATIVELY CLAIMS THE EXEMPTION UNDER SUBSECTION 8(A). NO CONSTABLE OR ANY OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIAL SHALL EXECUTE UPON THE ITEMS OF THIS SUBSECTION, UNLESS THE DEBTOR HAS AFFIRMATIVELY CLAIMED THE EXEMPTION UNDER SUBSECTION 8(A).

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

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(House Bill 996)

AN ACT to add new Section 3-101(a)(4) to Article 21 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1972 Interim Supplement), "Real Property", title "III Recordation", subtitle "I. General Rules and Exceptions", to follow immediately after Section 3-101(a)(3) thereof; to require the clerks of courts to receive and record any deed or recordable instrument delivered by mail or not in person under certain circumstances, and generally relating to the recordation of certain recordable instruments.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 3-101(a)(4) be and it is hereby added to Article