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CHAPTER 496

(House Bill 1366)

AN ACT concerning

Spousal and Child Support - Earnings Lien

FOR the purpose of providing ~~[[for a lien]]~~ that a court may order a lien be placed on earnings of a party defaulting in payment of court ordered child or spousal support; specifying procedures for payments under the lien; requiring notice of change of address by the person for whom support has been ordered; providing for termination of the lien; prohibiting dismissal ~~[[of]]~~ or reprisals against an employee because a lien has been ordered; defining certain terms; and generally relating to earnings liens for collection of spousal and child support.

BY adding to

Article 16 - Chancery
Section 5B
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1973 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 5B be and it is hereby added to Article 16 - Chancery, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 16 - Chancery

5B.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "EARNINGS" INCLUDES ANY FORM OF PERIODIC PAYMENT TO AN INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING ANNUITY, PENSION, SOCIAL SECURITY, AND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION PAYMENTS.

(3) "EMPLOYER" MEANS ANY PERSON, INCLUDING ANY PUBLIC ENTITY, MAKING PAYMENTS OF EARNINGS TO AN INDIVIDUAL.

(B) (1) IF A COURT HAS ORDERED A PERSON TO PAY FOR THE SUPPORT OF A SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD AND THE PERSON IS IN APREARS, ON PETITION OF THE PERSON TO WHOM