

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Commercial Law

15-601.

(A-1) THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS OF WAGES ARE EXEMPT FROM ATTACHMENT:

(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE GREATER OF:

(I) THE PRODUCT OF \$120 MULTIPLIED BY THE NUMBER OF WEEKS IN WHICH THE WAGES DUE WERE EARNED; OR

(II) 75 PERCENT OF THE WAGES DUE; AND

(2) IN CAROLINE, KENT, QUEEN ANNE'S, AND WORCESTER COUNTIES, FOR EACH WORK WEEK, THE GREATER OF:

(I) 75 PERCENT OF THE WAGES DUE; OR

(II) 30 TIMES THE FEDERAL MINIMUM HOURLY WAGES UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT IN EFFECT AT THE TIME THE WAGES ARE DUE.

(A-2) THE AMOUNT SUBJECT TO ATTACHMENT SHALL BE CALCULATED PER PAY PERIOD.

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(a) An attachment of an employee's wages in the hands of his employer does not affect those wages not actually due at the date of the attachment.

(b) The following amounts of wages shall be exempt from attachment:

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the greater of:

(i) The product of \$120 multiplied by the number of weeks in which the wages due were earned; or

(ii) 75 percent of the wages due; and

(2) In Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Worcester counties, for each work week, the greater of:

(i) 75 percent of the wages due; or

(ii) 30 times the federal minimum hourly wages under the Fair Labor Standards Act in effect at the time the wages are due.

(c) Subsection (b) of this section does not apply to