FOR the purpose of allowing the issuance of an attachment e̶n̶
    o̶r̶i̶g̶i̶n̶a̶l̶-̶p̶r̶e̶e̶s̶s̶ before judgment against certain persons w̶h̶e̶
    m̶a̶k̶e̶-̶-̶h̶e̶m̶e̶-̶-̶i̶m̶p̶r̶e̶v̶e̶m̶e̶n̶t̶s̶-̶b̶u̶t̶ who are not licensed and bonded
    under certain laws in an action arising out of a home
    improvement transaction; authorizing this attachment under
    certain actions based on tort or contract; a̶n̶d̶-̶-̶m̶a̶k̶i̶n̶g̶
    s̶t̶y̶l̶i̶s̶t̶i̶e̶-̶-̶-̶e̶h̶a̶n̶g̶e̶s̶-̶ substituting the mechanism of an
    attachment before judgment for the mechanism of an
    attachment on original process; providing that a certain
    attachment may issue at the commencement of an action or
    while the action is pending; providing that a certain
    attachment may issue under certain circumstances; deleting
    certain language; making stylistic changes; and generally
    relating to attachment before judgment.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

    Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
    Section 3-302, 3-303, and 3-304
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (1980 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

    SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

            Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-302.

    A court of law including the District Court, within the
limits of its jurisdiction, may issue an attachment [or original
process] AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE ACTION OR WHILE IT IS PENDING
against any property or credits, whether matured or unmatured,
belonging to the debtor upon the application of [a person who has
the right to become a] THE plaintiff in [an] THE action [in the
State].

3-303.

    (a) An attachment e̶n̶-̶e̶r̶i̶g̶i̶n̶a̶l̶-̶p̶r̶e̶e̶s̶s̶ BEFORE JUDGMENT may
issue in any of the instances [enumerated] in this section.

    (b) -̶{̶-̶I̶f̶-̶}̶-̶A̶N̶-̶A̶T̶T̶A̶C̶H̶M̶E̶N̶T̶-̶O̶N̶-̶O̶R̶I̶G̶I̶N̶A̶L̶-̶P̶R̶O̶C̶E̶S̶S̶-̶M̶A̶Y̶-̶I̶S̶S̶U̶E̶-̶-̶I̶F̶
the debtor is A NONRESIDENT INDIVIDUAL, OR A CORPORATION WHICH
HAS NO RESIDENT AGENT IN THIS STATE, AND:

        (1) A̶-̶n̶e̶n̶r̶e̶s̶i̶d̶e̶n̶t̶-̶i̶n̶d̶i̶v̶i̶d̶u̶a̶l̶ THE DEBTOR IS A PERSON
OVER WHOM THE COURT COULD EXERCISE PERSONAL JURISDICTION PURSUANT
TO §§ 6-102, 6-103 AND 6-104 OF THIS ARTICLE; or

        (2) A̶-̶-̶e̶e̶r̶p̶e̶r̶a̶t̶i̶e̶n̶-̶-̶a̶n̶d̶-̶-̶h̶a̶s̶-̶-̶n̶e̶-̶-̶r̶e̶s̶i̶d̶e̶n̶t̶-̶-̶a̶g̶e̶n̶t̶ THE
ACTION INVOLVES CLAIMS TO PROPERTY IN THIS STATE WHICH PROPERTY
IS TO BE ATTACHED; OR