

CHAPTER 322

(House Bill 72)

AN ACT concerning

Support Payment Arrearages - Earnings Liens

FOR the purpose of altering the procedure and circumstances under which earnings liens are obtained; ~~providing that a court shall order an earnings lien when it orders a person to make certain support payments subject to certain requirements; providing that a certain time after the support payment is due and unpaid certain persons may petition the court for a lien; providing a lien shall take effect after a certain notice and hearing or, in the court's discretion, may take effect immediately; establishing a certain notice and hearing procedure; providing certain circumstances under which the effective date of a lien may be delayed; providing for an appeal from a hearing order~~ providing that the court may order a lien on petition of certain persons under certain circumstances; providing for the amount of a lien; providing for the filing of a petition; providing for a show cause order and its issuance under certain circumstances; providing for a hearing; providing that a lien shall immediately issue if a certain respondent does not appear at the hearing under certain circumstances; providing that the court may direct that a lien not take effect under certain conditions; and generally relating to the issuance of an earnings lien.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 16 - Chancery
 Section 5B
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1981 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

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

Article 16 - Chancery

5B.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.