

HOUSE BILL 422

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By: **Delegates Simmons and Dumais**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2007

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alimony and Child Support – Exemption from Execution on a Judgment**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting money paid or payable for alimony or child support
4 obligations from execution on a judgment; and generally relating to alimony and
5 child support.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
8 Section 11–504(b)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

13 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

14 11–504.

15 (b) The following items are exempt from execution on a judgment:

16 (1) Wearing apparel, books, tools, instruments, or appliances, in an
17 amount not to exceed \$5,000 in value necessary for the practice of any trade or
18 profession except those kept for sale, lease, or barter.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Money payable in the event of sickness, accident, injury, or death
2 of any person, including compensation for loss of future earnings. This exemption
3 includes but is not limited to money payable on account of judgments, arbitrations,
4 compromises, insurance, benefits, compensation, and relief. Disability income benefits
5 are not exempt if the judgment is for necessities contracted for after the disability is
6 incurred.

7 (3) Professionally prescribed health aids for the debtor or any
8 dependent of the debtor.

9 (4) The debtor's interest, not to exceed \$1,000 in value, in household
10 furnishings, household goods, wearing apparel, appliances, books, animals kept as
11 pets, and other items that are held primarily for the personal, family, or household use
12 of the debtor or any dependent of the debtor.

13 (5) Cash or property of any kind equivalent in value to \$6,000 is
14 exempt, if within 30 days from the date of the attachment or the levy by the sheriff,
15 the debtor elects to exempt cash or selected items of property in an amount not to
16 exceed a cumulative value of \$6,000.

17 **(6) MONEY PAYABLE OR PAID FOR ALIMONY OR CHILD SUPPORT**
18 **OBLIGATIONS.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2007.