

CHAPTER 270

GARNISHMENT OF WAGES

S. F. 280

AN ACT relating to garnishment of wages, liability for costs, and discharge of employees.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter six hundred forty-two (642), Code 1971, is
2 amended by adding the following new section:

3 "1. The disposable earnings of an individual shall be exempt from
4 garnishment to the extent provided by the federal Consumer Credit
5 Protection Act, Title III. The term "Consumer Protection Act" means
6 the Act of Congress approved May 29, 1968, 82 Stat. 163, officially
7 cited as the "Consumer Credit Protection Act, Title III." The maxi-
8 mum amount of an employee's earnings which may be garnished
9 during any one calendar year is two hundred fifty (250) dollars for
10 each judgment creditor, except as provided in section 627.12 of the
11 Code.

12 2. No employer shall:

13 a. Withhold from the earnings of an individual an amount greater
14 than that provided by law.

15 b. Dispose of garnished wages in any manner other than ordered
16 by a court of law.

17 c. Discharge an individual by reason of his earnings having been
18 subject to garnishment for indebtedness.

19 d. Be held liable for an amount not earned at the time of the serv-
20 ice of notice of garnishment or for the costs of a garnishment action.

21 3. For the purpose of this section:

22 a. The term "earnings" means compensation paid or payable for
23 personal services, whether denominated as wages, salary, commission,
24 bonus, or otherwise, and includes periodic payments pursuant to a
25 pension or retirement program.

26 b. The term "disposable earnings" means that part of the earnings
27 of any individual remaining after the deduction from those earnings
28 of any amounts required by law to be withheld."

1 SEC. 2. Section six hundred twenty-seven point ten (627.10), Code
2 1971, is repealed.

Approved June 4, 1971.

CHAPTER 271

CONTEMPT IN PATERNITY CASES

H. F. 546

AN ACT relating to contempt actions in paternity cases.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter six hundred seventy-five (675), Code 1971, is
2 amended by adding the following new section: