

HOUSE BILL 3078

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 26-2-222, relative to garnishments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 26-2-222(b), is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (b)(1) and by adding the following language to be designated as subsection (b)(2):

(2) In addition to the amount of the disposable earnings subject to garnishment, the employer shall be entitled to retain an administrative fee of five dollars (\$5.00) due from the judgment debtor at the time of each payment made to the court as a result of the garnishment. The five dollar (\$5.00) fee shall be retained from the balance of the judgment debtor's earnings remaining after deducting the payment made to the garnishing court. If the maximum garnishable amount has been reached prior to retaining the five dollar (\$5.00) fee, then such amount due shall remain owing by the judgment debtor to the employer until paid.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.