Bill No.: HB0089 **Effective:** July 1, 2019

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Chapter No.: 70

Prime Sponsor: Stith

Catch Title: **Wage garnishment.**

Subject: Garnishment.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill amends two (2) existing wage garnishment statutes – post-judgment writs of garnishment under the code of civil procedure (W.S. 1-15-401 et seq.) and garnishments arising under the consumer credit code (W.S. 40-14-501 et seq.). The bill extends protections for exempt funds.

- The bill provides that a defendant's disposable earnings shall remain exempt if the earnings were deposited in a bank account: within twenty (20) days prior to service of the writ; on the day of service of the writ; or within ten (10) days after service of the writ.

- The bill allows a creditor to request garnishment from both a defendant's pay check and a defendant's bank account, but provides that any proceeds remaining after successfully garnishing a pay check shall be entirely exempt from execution when they are deposited in the defendant's bank account, thus preventing "double dipping."

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