

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2463

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Law & Justice, February 25, 1998

Title: An act relating to processing fees for writs of garnishments that are not writs for continuing lien on earnings.

Brief Description: Prescribing garnishee's processing fees.

Sponsors: Representatives Sheahan, Costa and Mulliken.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Law & Justice: 2/23/98, 2/25/98 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Johnson, Vice Chair; Fairley, Hargrove, Kline, Long, Thibaudeau and Zarelli.

Staff: Aldo Melchiori (786-7439)

Background: The clerks of the superior and district courts may issue writs of garnishment returnable to the courts for the benefit of a judgment creditor who has a judgment wholly or partially unsatisfied in the court from which the garnishment is sought.

A garnishee may deduct up to a \$20 processing fee from the remainder of the debtor's earnings for the first disbursement. If the garnishment is a continuing lien on earnings, garnishee may also deduct \$10 at the time the garnishee submits the second answer.

Summary of Bill: A garnishee of a writ for a continuing lien on earnings may deduct up to a \$20 processing fee from the remainder of the debtor's earnings for the first answer, and \$10 at the time the garnishee submits the second answer.

If the writ is not for a continuing lien on earnings, the garnishee is entitled to a check or money order in the amount of \$20 at the time the writ is served. The required writ forms are amended accordingly to reflect the statutory changes.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: No one.