

## **HOUSE PROPOSAL ON ADMINISTRATIVE ATTACHMENT/GARNISHMENT**

- Establish an independent hearing officer outside of the Department of Taxes.
- Raise the amount of wages that are exempt from garnishment to 85% of the debtor's weekly disposable earnings, or 40 times the federal minimum wage, whichever is greater.
- Allow the hearing officer to consider whether the garnishee has excess expenses that should be excluded under 12 V.S.A. § 3170(b)(3).
- Allow administrative attachment or garnishment to begin 90 days after the end of any applicable administrative appeal period.