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## IN ASSEMBLY

October 7, 2020

- Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Joyner) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes
- AN ACT to amend the civil practice law and rules, in relation to personal property exemptions; and to prohibit the issuance and enforcement of certain money judgments against a natural person, the accumulation of interest on certain money judgments against a natural person, and the entry of certain default judgments during the period of the COVID-19 state disaster emergency; and provides for the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration thereof

## The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 5222, 5230, 2 5232, and 5233 of the civil practice law and rules or any other 3 provision of law to the contrary, no court shall issue, and no judgment creditor, sheriff, marshal or other agent of the judgment creditor shall 4 5 enforce, a money judgment against a natural person, except where the б judgment is for child support, spousal support, maintenance, or alimony, 7 or where the court has, in its discretion, allowed judgment enforcement upon a judgment creditor's emergency application. 8

9 § 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 5004 of the civil prac-10 tice law and rules and any other provision of law to the contrary, no 11 interest shall accumulate on money judgments against natural persons.

§ 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3215 of the civil practice law and rules and any other provision of law to the contrary, where the defendant is a natural person, no failure to comply with payment obligations on a stipulation of settlement made after commencement of an action shall be deemed a failure to comply with the stipulation that could serve as a basis for entry of a default judgment.

18 § 4. Section 5205 of the civil practice law and rules is amended by 19 adding a new subdivision (p) to read as follows:

(p) One hundred percent of any federal, state, or local government financial assistance made available to individuals in express response to a disaster, catastrophe, public health crisis, or similar public emergency are exempt from application to the satisfaction of a money

EXPLANATION--Matter in <u>italics</u> (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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| 1 | judgment. Such financial assistance includes but is not limited to       |
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| 2 | monies made available under section 2201 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, |
| 3 | Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 and any other federal, state,  |
| 4 | or local government financial assistance made available to individuals   |
| 5 | in express response to the COVID-19 pandemic.                            |
| 6 | § 5. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that sections      |
| 7 | one, two and three of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed thir- |
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8 ty days following the end of the state disaster emergency declared by 9 executive order 202 of 2020, as amended.