

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to acquire such land in Baltimore City for the University of Maryland as may be necessary for the erection of a hospital provided for the University of Maryland by the General Construction Loan of 1931.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That to such extent as may be necessary for carrying out the purpose of this Act the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland shall have the right and power to purchase or to condemn land, earth, gravel, stone, timber or materials or any improvements in the name of the State under Article 33A of the Code of Public General Laws.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect on June 1st, 1931.

Approved April 17, 1931.

CHAPTER 398.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 35 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Evidence," sub-title "Conspiracy of Witnesses," said new section to be known as Section 4A and to follow immediately after Section 4 of said Article, to abolish the presumption of law, that any offense, other than treason or murder, committed by the wife in the presence of her husband is committed under his coercion; and making it legal for a wife to show, as a fact, on a charge against her other than treason or murder, that the offense was committed in the husband's presence and under his coercion.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 35 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 edition), title "Evidence," sub-title "Competency of Witnesses," said new section to be known as Section 4A, to follow immediately after Section 4 of said Article, and to read as follows: