

than seven years contains an option or options of renewal entitling any party to said lease to extend the total duration thereof to a period of more than seven years from the original date of the initial term, this section shall apply, but no provision for a renewal, automatic or otherwise, in a lease shall make this section applicable if it may be terminated by either party within seven years after the original date of the initial term. All such deeds shall be acknowledged before some one of the officers named in sections three, four, five and six of this article, and any unmarried woman between the age of eighteen years and twenty-one years, shall have power to make a deed of trust of her property, real, personal or mixed; provided, the same shall be approved and sanctioned by a court having equity jurisdiction in the city or county where the grantor resides, upon the petition of said grantor, and such proof as the said court in its discretion may require.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved April 29, 1949.

CHAPTER 508

(House Bill 41)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 109 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Debts", increasing the amount which an executor or administrator may recover from a tortfeasor for the funeral expenses of the decedent.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 109 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Debts", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

109. Executors and Administrators shall have full power to commence and prosecute any personal action whatever, at law or in equity, which the testator or intestate might have commenced and prosecuted, except actions of slander, provided, that if the death of the testator or intestate shall have resulted from the wrong for which any such personal action might have been commenced, then the Executor or Adminis-