

CHAPTER 29

(House Bill 163)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1947 Supplement), title 'Chancery', sub-title "Divorce", said new section to be known as Section 41B, and to follow immediately after Section 41A of said Article, legitimating the issue of any marriage annulled in this State and also those of certain marriages for which a decree of divorce is entered, and relating to the innocent parties thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1947 Supplement), title 'Chancery', sub-title "Divorce", said new section to be known as Section 41B, to follow immediately after Section 41A of said Article, and to read as follows:

41B. This section shall apply whenever any criminal or equity Court of this State has for any reason annulled a marriage, and declared it to be null and void, or whenever any equity Court of this State has decreed a divorce a vinculo matrimonii for any cause which by the laws of this State render a marriage null and void ab initio. In such event, if it shall appear that such marriage was contracted in good faith by one of the parties thereto, and in ignorance of any obstacle to its validity, that fact shall be found and declared in the decree. In such case the issue of such a marriage shall be deemed and declared to be the legitimate issue of the parents thereof.

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

Approved March 4, 1949.

CHAPTER 30

(House Bill 177)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 446 of Article 13 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (Higinbothom's 1942 Edition), title "Harford County", sub-title "Roads", said section having been