

CHAPTER 678

(Senate Bill 363)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 1 of Article 72A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Parent and Child," extending the the responsibility for support of a minor child to both parents.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 1 of Article 72A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Parent and Child," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1. The father and mother are the joint natural guardians of their minor child and are [equally] *jointly and severally* charged with its *support, care, nurture, welfare* and education. They shall have equal powers and duties, and neither parent has any right superior to the right of the other concerning the child's custody. If either the father or mother dies, or abandons his or her family, or is incapable of acting, the guardianship devolves upon the other parent. Where the parents live apart, the court may award the guardianship of the child to either of them. Provided: the provisions of this Article shall not be deemed to affect the existing law relative to the appointment of a third person as guardian of the person of the minor where the parents are unsuitable, or the child's interests would be adversely affected by remaining under the natural guardianship of its parent or parents.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1951.

Approved May 7, 1951.

CHAPTER 679

(Senate Bill 384)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 1 of Article 57 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Limitation of Actions", eliminating those

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*
 [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
 CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.