

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 11 of Article 18 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Acknowledgments", sub-title "Uniform Acknowledgments Act", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

11. In addition to the acknowledgment of instruments in the manner and form and as otherwise authorized by this sub-title, any person serving in or with the armed forces of the United States and their respective spouses *or their dependents*, may acknowledge the same wherever located before any commissioned officer in active service of the armed forces of the United States with the rank of second lieutenant or higher in the Army, Air Force or Marine Corps, or ensign or higher in the Navy or United States Coast Guard. The instrument shall not be rendered invalid by the failure to state therein the place of execution or acknowledgment. No authentication of the officers' certificate of acknowledgment shall be required but the officer taking the acknowledgment shall endorse thereon or attach thereto a certificate substantially in the following form:

On this the.....day of....., 19....., before me, ....., the undersigned officer, personally appeared....., known to me (or satisfactorily (Serial No.) (if any) proven) to be (serving in or with the armed forces of the United States) (**[or]** the spouse of) **[such person]** (*a dependent of*) ..... (Serial No.) (if any) *armed forces of the United States*) and to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that..... he ..... executed the same for the purpose therein contained. And the undersigned does further certify that he is at the date of this certificate a commissioned officer of the rank stated below and is in the active service of the Armed Forces of the United States.

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Signature of officer.

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Rank and Serial No. of Officer and Command to Which Attached.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved February 27, 1961.

CHAPTER 7  
(Senate Bill 2)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 5 (a) and 5 (e) of Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1960

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.