

CHAPTER 423.

- Passed Mar. 22, 1867. AN ACT entitled "an Act to amend article sixty of the Code of Public General Laws entitled "Licenses," by adding thereto additional sections, relating to Marriages of people of color.
- Sections added. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the following sections be added to article sixty of the Code of Public General Laws to come in after section eight :
- Marriages made valid. Sec. 9. All marriages, heretofore made and celebrated in this State by and between colored people are hereby confirmed and made valid, to every intent and purpose, from the time of the celebration of such marriages, respectively, and every such marriage shall be held and taken by all Courts of this State to be good and sufficient in law, to all intents and purposes ; *provided,* that in every case the parties claiming to have been married, by a competent person, shall by sufficient proof before some Justice of the Peace establish the fact of having been so married, a certificate of which shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County in which said marriage was celebrated, or the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City, and be preserved with the Register of Marriage Licenses in the office of the said Clerk.
- Proviso. Sec. 10. In all marriages hereafter celebrated between colored persons, the parties or some one in their behalf, shall present to the Clergyman solemnizing the rites of a marriage, a license, as required in other cases of marriage ; and any such Clergyman is hereby prohibited from solemnizing such marriage without the production of licences.
- License required. Sec. 10. In all marriages hereafter celebrated between colored persons, the parties or some one in their behalf, shall present to the Clergyman solemnizing the rites of a marriage, a license, as required in other cases of marriage ; and any such Clergyman is hereby prohibited from solemnizing such marriage without the production of licences.
- In force. Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.