

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 11, 1912.

CHAPTER 852.

AN ACT to repeal section 35 of Article 52 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1904, title "Justices of the Peace," sub-title "Judgments," as the same was amended by Chapter 261 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1910, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That section 35 of Article 52 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1904, title "Justices of the Peace," sub-title "Judgments," as amended by Chapter 261 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1910, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

35. Any justice of the peace of this State may enter a judgment by confession for the plaintiff or plaintiffs for any amount within his jurisdiction, as is now or may hereafter be prescribed by law, either upon the voluntary appearance and consent of the defendant or defendants, if more than one, before such justice of the peace, or upon the written authority signed by the defendant or defendants and attested by at least one witness, authorizing the entry of a judgment by confession, and such authority may be contained either in the note or other cause of action, or in a separate writing, provided that no judgment as aforesaid shall be entered unless the plaintiff, his, her or its duly authorized attorney or agent shall first make affidavit as to the correct amount due thereon; provided, that nothing in this section shall in any manner effect any note or agreement for judgment dated or entered into prior to July 1, 1912.

And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 11, 1912.

CHAPTER 853.

AN ACT to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to contract for a term not exceeding twenty-five years as to the rates, terms and conditions of supplying natural gas and artificial gas in connection therewith to consumers in