

Supplement), title "Chancery", sub-title "Divorce", providing that a divorce a vinculo matrimonii may be obtained by reason of the voluntary separation of the parties for three consecutive years.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 40 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Chancery", sub-title "Divorce", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

40. Upon a hearing of any bill for a divorce, the court may decree a divorce a vinculo matrimonii for the following causes, to wit: first, the impotence of either party at the time of the marriage; secondly, for any cause which by the laws of this State, render a marriage null and void ab initio; thirdly, for adultery; fourthly, when the court shall be satisfied by competent testimony that the party complained against has abandoned the party complaining, and that such abandonment has continued uninterruptedly for at least eighteen months, and is deliberate and final, and the separation of the parties beyond any reasonable expectation of reconciliation; fifthly, when the husband and wife shall have voluntarily lived separate and apart, without any cohabitation, for three consecutive years prior to the filing of the bill of complaint, and such separation is beyond any reasonable expectation of reconciliation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved March 29, 1947.

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#### CHAPTER 241.

(House Bill 262)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 772 and 773 of Article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition) title "Baltimore County", sub-title "Traders Licenses", relating to traders' licenses in Baltimore County and hucksters' licenses as to persons selling goods from wagons in Baltimore County.

WHEREAS, The provisions of Sections 772 and 773 of Article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edi-