

by Chapter 458 of the Acts of 1945, relating to the settlement of small estates of decedents dying before the effective date of said Section 151A.

WHEREAS, it has been the legislative intent and understanding that the provisions of Section 151A of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), as said section was added by Chapter 458 of the Acts of 1945, have been applicable to the estates of decedents dying before the effective date of said section; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the General Assembly of Maryland to clarify and declare the existing law with respect thereto; now therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Settlement of Small Estates", said new section to be known as Section 151B, to follow immediately after Section 151A, as said Section 151A was enacted by Chapter 458 of the Acts of 1945, to read as follows:

151B. The provisions of Section 151A of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Settlement of Small Estates", as enacted by Chapter 458 of the Acts of 1945, relating to the settlement of small estates, are hereby declared to be available and applicable with respect to the estates of decedents dying before the effective date of said section, as well as with the respect to the estates of decedents dying thereafter.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That no language in this Act shall in any manner be construed to require a prospective construction only, the purpose of the Act being to clarify and declare the law as it has existed and does and shall exist.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved February 26, 1947.

CHAPTER 63.

(House Bill 108)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 1243 of the Prince George's County Code (1943 Edition), being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Mary-