

Chapter 265.

AN ACT to repeal section seven of article forty-five of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Husband and Wife," and to re-enact said section with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section seven of article forty-five of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Husband and Wife," be and is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Repealed and re-enacted.

7. Any married woman, who by her skill, industry or personal labor, shall earn any money, or other property, real, personal or mixed, shall hold the same, and the fruits, increase and profits thereof, to her sole and separate use, with power as a *feme sole* to invest, reinvest, devise, bequeath, sell and dispose of the same; provided that such money or property shall be liable for the payment of any claim or debt incurred by such married woman in and about the business, occupation or enterprise in which said money or other property shall be earned or invested; and for any such debt, said married woman may be sued before any justice of the peace or court of this State (whichever shall have jurisdiction as determined by the amount of said debt), as if she were a *feme sole*; and any such property may be taken in execution to satisfy any judgment rendered on such cause of action; provided that the husband of such married woman shall have the right to appear and defend any such suit in her name, and no judgment shall be entered in any such suit against such married woman without proof, unless by the joint consent in writing of herself and husband, and provided further, that any married woman may sue in any court of law or equity in this State upon any cause of action in her own name, and without the necessity of a *prochein ami*, as if she were *feme sole*.

Hold to separate use.

Right to appear and defend.

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

Effective.

Approved May 3, 1882.