SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

Approved May 29, 1990.

## CHAPTER 443

(Senate Bill 252)

AN ACT concerning

## Family Law - Modification of *Deeds*, Deeds, Agreements, and Settlements

FOR the purpose of clarifying that a court may modify certain <u>deeds</u>, deeds, agreements, or settlements that are incorporated into certain divorce decrees; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the modification of <u>deeds</u>, deeds, agreements, and settlements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law

Section 8-105

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1984 Volume and 1989 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article - Family Law

8 - 105.

- (a) (1) The court may enforce by power of contempt the provisions of a deed, agreement, or settlement that are merged into a divorce decree.
- [(b)] (2) The court may enforce by power of contempt or as an independent contract not superseded by the divorce decree the provisions of a deed, agreement, or settlement that contain language that the deed, agreement, or settlement is incorporated but not merged into a divorce decree.
- (B) THE COURT MAY MODIFY ANY PROVISION OF A DEED, AN  $\underline{A}$  DEED, AGREEMENT, OR SETTLEMENT THAT IS:
- (1) INCORPORATED, WHETHER OR NOT MERGED, INTO A DIVORCE DECREE; AND
- (2) SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION UNDER § 8–103 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be