

ACTS OF ASSEMBLY

For some years the Hall of Records has been attempting to have legislation enacted which would regulate the form of instruments presented to the Clerks of Court for recording. Before the introduction in our county court-houses of recording by photostat and microfilm—there is now only one county without one or the other—it made little difference whether these instruments were uniform in size, whether they were on white or colored paper or whether the ink used contrasted with the background. But in photography these are important factors. We are glad to report that a bill, first approved by the Legislative Council, was introduced in the Senate at the 1957 session and was subsequently passed. It is a very important step forward in the field of recordation. The Law (Chapter 95, Acts of 1957) is given here in full.

CHAPTER 95

(Senate Bill 4)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 64 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "Clerks of Circuit Courts", generally amending the laws as to certain instruments offered for recordation in the offices of the clerks of the court in this State and concerning the photostating or microfilming of such instruments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 64 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "Clerks of Circuit Courts", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

64. Any person, firm or corporation offering for recordation in the Clerk's office of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, or in the Clerk's offices of the Circuit Courts for the several counties, any deed, mortgage, lease, agreement, conditional sales contract, chattel mortgage, or any other recordable instrument upon a printed form, [or any typewritten instrument, not upon a printed form,] shall cause said printed [forms or typewritten instrument] form to be printed [or typed in good, clear, readable type,] *in not less than eight-point type, in black letters and upon white paper of sufficient weight and thickness as to be clearly readable. If such record-*