

CHAPTER 457.

AN ACT to repeal Article XLV of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Husband and Wife," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Article XLV of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Husband and Wife," be and the same is hereby repealed Repeal. and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows :

1. The property, real and personal, belonging to a woman at the time of her marriage, and all the property which she may acquire or receive after her marriage, by purchase, gift, grant, devise, bequest, descent, in the course of distribution, by her own skill, labor or personal exertions, or in any other manner, shall be protected from the debts of the husband, and not in any way be liable for the payment thereof ; provided, that no acquisition of property passing to the wife from the husband, after coverture, shall be valid if the same has been made or granted to her in prejudice of the rights of his subsisting creditors, who, however, must assert their claims within three years after the acquisition of the property by the wife, or be absolutely barred, and for the purpose of asserting their rights under this section, claims of creditors of the husband not yet due and matured shall be considered as due and matured.

Wife's
property
not liable.

2. That whenever any interest or estate of any kind in any property, real, personal or mixed, situate, lying or being within this State, has been or shall hereafter be sold, conveyed, assigned, mortgaged, leased, transferred or delivered by any husband directly or indirectly to his wife, and has been or shall hereafter be subsequently sold, conveyed, assigned, mortgaged, leased, transferred or delivered by such wife and husband during their coverture, or by such wife after such coverture has terminated, or has been or shall hereafter be subsequently devised or bequeathed by such wife during such coverture or after such coverture has terminated ; the fact of such previous sale, conveyance, assignment, mortgage, lease or delivery by such husband, directly or indirectly to his wife, shall not hereafter be deemed or taken at law or in equity, to have given, preserved or reserved, nor to give, preserve or reserve to any subsisting creditor of such husband, by reason of any debt or obligation, claim or demand whatsoever, any other or greater right, lien or cause of action against such interest or estate, or against any third person, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, than such creditors would have had in case such

Conveyance
by husband
to wife, etc.