

## CHAPTER 54.

AN ACT to amend Article 12 of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Bastardy and Fornication," by adding thereto Section 9.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Article 12 of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Bastardy and Fornication," be amended by adding thereto the following section: Amended.

9. Whenever any principal, surety or other person in interest upon competent testimony makes it to appear to the satisfaction of any court in which a recognizance in any bastardy case is entered up that by reason of the death of the child, or by reason of the payment of all dues arising under said recognizance, or for any other reason, the recognizance should be discharged, the court may make such order of discharge or annulment of the recognizance or such other order as may be deemed appropriate by the court to discharge the obligors in the recognizance and the record of the entry of such recognizance. Court may make order of discharge, etc.

Approved March 14, 1898.

## CHAPTER 55.

AN ACT to amend the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the session of eighteen hundred and eighty-four, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company of Baltimore."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the second section of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the session of eighteen hundred and eighty-four, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company of Baltimore," be and the same is amended so that the said company shall have the privilege to increase its capital stock to the amount of five millions of dollars, in the manner stated in said section, and if any increase of said capital stock shall be made, from time to time, the increased capital stock may be disposed of among the stockholders proportionately to their holdings, at such prices not less than par value, and in such manner as the board of directors of said company shall determine, and any part thereof not taken by the shareholders, within the time limited by said board, may be in like manner disposed of by said board Amendment