

CHAPTER 331.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of Article XCIII of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Testamentary Law," sub-title "Administration," and also to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 120, 121, 122 and 123 of Article XCIII of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Testamentary Law," sub-title "Distribution," and to repeal Sections 32 and 32 A of said Article XCIII, title "Testamentary Law," sub-title "Administration," and to add a new section to said Article XCIII, relating to the rights of surviving husbands in the estates of their wives, to come in after Section 306 of said Article, and to be known as Section 306 A.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sections 18, 19 20, 21 and 22 of Article XCIII of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Testamentary Law," sub-title "Administration," be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, so as to read as follows :

Repeal.

Administra-
tion granted
in case of
death.

18. If the intestate leave a surviving husband or widow, as the case may be, and a child, or children, administration at the discretion of the court shall be granted either to the surviving husband or widow as the case may be, or child, or one of the children.

19. If there be a surviving husband or widow, as the case may be, and no child, the surviving husband or widow, as the case may be, shall be preferred, and next to the surviving husband or widow, as the case may be, or children, a grandchild shall be preferred.

20. If there be neither surviving husband nor widow, as the case may be, nor child, nor grandchild, the father shall be preferred.

21. If there be neither surviving husband nor widow, as the case may be, nor child, nor grandchild, nor father, brothers and sisters shall be preferred, and next to brothers and sisters the mother shall be preferred.

22. If there be neither surviving widow nor husband, as the case may be, nor child, nor grandchild, nor father, nor brother, nor sister, nor mother, the next of kin shall be preferred.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That sections 120, 121, 122 and 123 of Article XCIII of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Testamentary Law," sub-title "Distribution," be

Repeal.