

State, and subsequently, on the twenty-sixth day of February, 1907, said original charter was duly amended and the capital stock of said corporation was duly increased from \$125.000 to \$150.000; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the charter of The Proctor Slate Company of Harford County, a corporation duly organized under the General Laws of this State, be and the same is hereby amended, and the powers of said company enlarged as hereinafter set forth, and hereafter said slate company shall be called and known as "The Proctor Slate Company" instead of "The Proctor Slate Company of Harford County."

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be lawful for said slate company to subscribe to, hold and own any number of shares which it may deem wise and prudent of the capital stock of any other corporation organized for the purpose of selling and marketing slate.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1908.

CHAPTER 710.

AN ACT to refund to Sharp Lewis Merriman four hundred dollars, being the amount paid by said Sharp Lewis Merriman to the sheriff of Washington county, when said Merriman forfeited his recognizance.

Whereas a certain Sharp Lewis Merriman was arrested at Hagerstown, in Washington county, on or about the twenty-fifth day of May, 1905, upon the charge of wife desertion and abandonment, and at a hearing before C. E. Johnson, Esq., a justice of the peace of said county, he deposited the sum of four hundred dollars as surety to appear and answer said charge at the hearing of said cause, but did not appear at said time because, prior to said hearing, the said husband and wife had entered upon an amicable arrangement by article of separation, with proper security, for her maintenance and support; and

Whereas said recognizance afterward, to wit, on or about the twenty-sixth day of May, 1905, was forfeited and the penalty thereof was forfeited, paid to the sheriff of Washington county; and

Whereas the ends of justice have been subserved and said Sharp Lewis Merriman is now supporting and maintaining