

CHAPTER 7.

Passed Feb. 2, 1865. *A Bill entitled, AN ACT to refuse to make valid certain bequests in the last will and testament of John Smenner, late of Allegany county, deceased.*

Preamble. WHEREAS, John Smenner, late of Allegany county, deceased, by his last will and testament, in writing, and now on record in the office of the Register of Wills for Allegany county, did devise and bequeath to certain persons therein named, sundry sums of money for the use and benefit of certain religious congregations therein named; *and whereas*, certain memorials have been presented in favor of, and against making valid the said bequests, *and whereas*, sufficient cause has been shown against rendering valid the said bequests; therefore,

Bequests and devises rendered invalid. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all the bequests and devises made by John Smenner, late of Allegany county, deceased, by his last will and testament, dated the thirty-first day of January eighteen hundred and sixty-three, to certain persons therein named for the use and benefit of certain religious denominations therein named, be and are refused to be sanctioned or rendered valid, and the Executor named in said will is hereby authorized and empowered to pay over the amount of the said bequests to the heirs at law or legal representative of the said John Smenner, who are entitled by law to receive the same.

In force. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.