

CHAPTER 380.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 4 of Article 62 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Marriages," relating to the solemnization of marriages.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 4 of Article 62 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Marriages," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

4. The following persons are authorized to solemnize marriages in this State; any minister of the Gospel, or official of a religious order or body authorized by the rules and customs of said order or body to join persons in marriage.

No person within this State shall be joined in marriage until a license shall have been obtained from the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county in which the marriage is to be performed, or if in Baltimore City, from the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, or unless the names of the parties intending to marry shall be thrice published in some church or house of public worship in the county where the woman resides on three several Sundays by some minister residing in said county; provided, nevertheless, that any person within this State may marry according to the ceremony used by the society of people called Quakers, the contracting parties signing a certificate to the effect that they have agreed to take each other for husband and wife, and said certificate being attested by at least twelve witnesses; and provided, further, that said certificate shall within sixty days be recorded either among the records of the society to which either of the contracting parties may belong, or in some court of record in the city or county in which said marriage may be accomplished. The license required by this article shall be in the following form, to wit: State of Maryland and County of To any minister of the Gospel, or other officer or person authorized by the laws of the State to solemnize marriage: You are hereby authorized to join together in the holy estate of matrimony according to the rules and ceremonies of your church, society or religious sect and the laws of this State, or according to the laws of this State, A. B., whose place of residence is; whose age is; color; and who is (state here whether single, widower, or divorced,