

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 37 of Article 16 of Bagby's Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Chancery," sub-title "Divorce," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

37. The courts of equity of this State shall have jurisdiction of all applications for divorce; and any person desiring a divorce shall file his or her bill in the court, either where the party plaintiff or defendant resides; or if the party against whom the bill is filed be a non-resident, then such bill may be filed in the court where the plaintiff resides; and upon such bill the same process by summons, notice or otherwise, shall be had to procure the answer and appearance of a defendant, as is had in other cases in chancery; and in all cases where, from the default of the defendant, a bill for divorce may be taken pro confesso, the court shall order testimony to be taken and shall decide the case upon the testimony so taken. Provided that no decree of divorce shall be entered against a non-resident, unless the plaintiff shall have stated under oath in the bill his or her knowledge and information as to the place of residence of the defendant, including street address if known, and if the plaintiff has no such knowledge or information, then he or she shall so state and also give the last known address of the defendant; and the clerk of the court shall promptly, by registered mail, send to the defendant at the address, if any, disclosed in the bill a copy of the order of publication.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1929.

Approved April 11, 1929.

CHAPTER 560.

AN ACT to repeal Section 27 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Edition of 1924, title "Health," sub-title "State Registrar of Vital Statistics," and to re-enact the same, with amendments, providing that no charge shall be made by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics for certificates furnished to veterans, for use in claims against the