

make all said settlements and/or agreements no bar to an action for divorce.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Chancery," sub-title "Divorce," said new section to follow immediately after Section 39 of said Article and to be known as Section 39A, and to read as follows:

39A. Any deed or agreement made between husband and wife respecting support, maintenance, property rights, or personal rights, or any settlement made in lieu of support, maintenance, property rights or personal rights shall be valid, binding and enforceable to every intent and purpose, and such deed or agreement shall not be a bar to an action for divorce, either a vinculo matrimonii or a mensa et thoro, as the case may be, whether the cause for divorce existed at the time or arose prior or subsequent to the time of the execution of said deed or agreement, or whether at the time of making such deed or agreement the parties were living together or apart; provided, that whenever any such deed or agreement shall make provision for or in any manner affect the care, custody, education or maintenance of any infant child or children of the parties the court shall have the right to modify such deed or agreement in respect to such infants as to the court may seem proper, looking always to the best interests of such infants.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1931.

Approved April 17, 1931.

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## CHAPTER 221.

AN ACT to repeal Section 81 of Article 11 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Banks and Trust Companies," sub-title "General Regulations," said section authorizing the Bank Commissioner to appoint attorney.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 81 of Article 11 of the Annotated