

4A. Any presumption of the law that an offense committed by a wife in the presence of her husband is committed under the coercion of the husband is hereby abolished, but on a charge against a wife, for any offense other than treason or murder it shall be a good defense for her to prove that the offense was committed in the presence of, and under the coercion of, the husband.

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

Approved April 17, 1931.

CHAPTER 399.

AN ACT to declare the sanction and consent of the General Assembly of Maryland to sundry gifts, bequests and devises contained in the last wills and testaments of certain persons, deceased, and also to certain gifts, grants, sales, leases and deeds made by various persons to and for the use and benefit of sundry ministerial persons, religious corporations, vestries, educational and charitable institutions, churches, denominations or sects hereinafter named.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the sanction and consent of said General Assembly of Maryland be and the same is hereby declared, given and granted to the following gifts, bequests, devises, grants, sales, leases, conveyances and deeds, to and from certain persons and bodies corporate to and for the use of certain ministerial persons, religious and educational corporations, orders, denominations and sects, and to certain charitable institutions hereinafter named as herein set forth:

1. To the following bequests contained in the will of Bessie D. Fernandis, late of Harford County, deceased, which will is dated July 15th, 1917, and is recorded among the will records of Harford County, in Liber C. S. W. No. 17, folio 483.

- (a) To St. Mary's Church, near Emmorton, Harford County, Maryland, to be invested and the interest thereon to be used towards paying the salary of the rector, \$1,000.00.