

## CHAPTER 498.

(House Bill 210)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 314 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1924 Edition), entitled "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Widows", changing the law in cases where the will of a husband or wife makes no provision for the surviving spouse.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 314 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1924 Edition), entitled "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Widows", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

314. But if in effect nothing shall pass by such devise, she shall not be thereby barred whether she shall or shall not renounce as aforesaid. In such case the widow shall take one-third of the lands as an heir and one-third of surplus personal estate (if the deceased husband shall be survived by descendants); and one-half the lands as an heir and one-half the surplus personal estate (if the deceased husband shall not be survived by descendants, but shall be survived by father or mother); and two thousand dollars or its equivalent in property, or any interest therein at its appraised value, and one-half of the residue of the lands as an heir and one-half of the surplus personal estate remaining (if the deceased husband shall not be survived by descendants or a father or a mother, but shall be survived by a brother or sister or a child or descendant of a brother or sister) and no more.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1939.

Approved May 3, 1939.

## CHAPTER 499.

(House Bill 211)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 311 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1924 Edition), entitled "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Widows", changing the law of distribution in