

this State, render a marriage null and void ab initio; thirdly, for adultery; fourthly, when the court shall be satisfied by competent testimony that the party complained against has abandoned the party complaining, and that such abandonment has continued uninterruptedly for at least three years, and is deliberate and final, and the separation of the parties beyond any reasonable expectation of reconciliation; fifthly, when the husband and wife shall have voluntarily lived separate and apart, without any cohabitation, for five consecutive years prior to the filing of the bill of complaint, and such separation is beyond any reasonable expectation of reconciliation.

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

Approved May 27, 1939.

CHAPTER 559.

(House Bill 240)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 3 of Article 64A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, entitled "Merit System", creating the State Employment Commission of Maryland, to consist of three persons, abolishing the office of the State Employment Commissioner, transferring the rights, powers and duties of the State Employment Commissioner to the Commission created by this Act, authorizing the appointment of a director of State employment and repealing all Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent herewith.

(Vetoed.)

CHAPTER 560.

(House Bill 445)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19 of Article 58A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Loans—Petty", as said section was amended by Chapter 564 of the Acts of 1929, said amendment to alter the amount of the fee allowed to be charged on certain loans by banks and certain other companies; and