

"Wills", to follow immediately after Section 365, to be known as Section 365 A, providing for the use of a photostat copy of a will in place of the original will, when the witnesses thereto are out of the jurisdiction of the Orphans' Court, to read as follows:

365 A. In addition to the manner of proving a will or codicil as prescribed in the preceding Section (365), the register of wills of any county or the city of Baltimore where any will shall have been filed for probate, when directed so to do by an order of the Orphans' Court, may cause to be made a photostat copy of said will or codicil, which photostat copy shall be forwarded by registered mail to any officer, designated in said order, authorized by the laws of this State to take acknowledgments of deeds who may examine and take the deposition of the witness or witnesses to said will or codicil and make return to the Register of Wills; and the probate of any will so taken shall have the same effect and be as valid as if all of the witnesses thereto had appeared before and been examined by the Orphans' Court or the Register of Wills of the county or city where the same had been filed for probate and record.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1941.

Approved April 15, 1941.

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#### CHAPTER 141.

(Senate Bill 129)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 102, 103 and 107 of Article 21 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Conveyancing", subtitle "Defective Conveyances", to make valid deeds, mortgages, bonds of conveyances, bills of sale, and all other conveyances of real and personal property, or of any interest therein or of agreements relating thereto, defective in acknowledgement or in the certificate thereof, or when the official character of the officer taking the acknowledgment has not been stated in the body of the certificate or certified to, as required by law, or when the conveyance or agreement has not been witnessed or sealed, or when any deed heretofore made to or from a corporation prior to the payment of bonus tax which was