

CHAPTER 290.

(Senate Bill 76)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 16 of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Chancery", sub-title "Trustee", said new section to be known as Section 270A and to follow immediately after Section 270 of said Article; such new section relating to the suspension of the duties of fiduciaries engaged in war or related services, the appointment of their substitutes or successors, and their compensation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section, to be known as Section 270A and to follow immediately after Section 270 of Article 16 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Chancery", sub-title "Trustee", be and the same is hereby added to said Article 16, to read as follows:

270A. Fiduciaries in War Service:

(a) For the purposes of this section, the term fiduciary shall include a trustee named in or acting under a deed, will, declaration of trust or other instrument in the nature of a trust, a consultant whose consent must be obtained under the terms of the trust to any action taken by a fiduciary of the trust, and any trustee, receiver, collector, conservator, committee or guardian appointed by a court of equity, whether the trust be created or the appointment be made prior or subsequent to the passage of the Act enacting this section.

(b) For the purpose of this section, a fiduciary shall be deemed to be engaged in war service.

(1) If he is a member of, or detailed for duty with, the military, naval or other armed forces of the United States or of any allied or associated power, or if he has been accepted for such service and is awaiting induction into such service; or

(2) If he is engaged in any work in connection with a governmental agency of the United States or in connection with the American Red Cross Society or any other similar organization, making it temporarily impractical for him to efficiently perform the duties of the trust, whether or not he be so engaged within or without the continental United States; or

(3) If when last heard from he was reported to be in any country or obliged to remain in any other foreign country or in any possession or dependency of the United States.