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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new Article be and it is hereby added to the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), said Article to be known as Article 75C, to be under title "Prohibited Actions", and to follow immediately after Article 75 $\frac{1}{2}$, and to read as follows:

PROHIBITED ACTIONS

1. (Declaration of Public Policy of State.) The remedies heretofore provided by law for the enforcement of actions based upon alleged alienation of affections and alleged breach of promise to marry, having been subjected to grave abuses, causing extreme annoyance, embarrassment, humiliation and pecuniary damage to many persons wholly innocent and free of any wrongdoing, who were merely the victims of circumstances and such remedies having been exercised by unscrupulous persons for their unjust enrichment, and such remedies having furnished vehicles for the commission or attempted commission of crime and in many cases having resulted in the perpetration of frauds, it is hereby declared as the public policy of the State that the best interests of the people of the State will be served by the abolition of such remedies.

2. (Certain Causes of Action Hereafter Accruing Abolished.) The rights of action heretofore existing to recover sums of money as damages for breach of promise to marry, excepting in cases wherein pregnancy exists, and for the alienation of affections are hereby abolished.

3. (Certain Causes of Action Heretofore Accrued Barred by Lapse of Time.) All causes of action to recover a sum of money as damages for breach of promise to marry, excepting in cases wherein pregnancy exists, and for the alienation of affections which have heretofore accrued, must be commenced on or before August 1st, 1945. All such actions not so commenced shall be thereafter completely and forever barred for lapse of time.

4. (Legal Effect of Certain Acts Hereafter Occurring.) No act hereafter done within this State shall operate to give rise, either within or without this State, to any of the rights of action abolished by this Article.

5. (Certain Acts and Proceedings With Respect to Causes of Action Abolished or Barred by this Article Prohibited.) It