

CHAPTER 1072.

(House Bill 862)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Chancery", sub-title "Pleadings, Practice and Process", said new section to be known as Section 240A and to follow immediately after Section 240 of said Article, relating to stockholders' suits.

WHEREAS, for a long period of time any stockholder bringing suit in the Federal courts in the right of a corporation has been required to establish that he was a stockholder at the time of the transaction of which he complains, or that his share or shares of stock thereafter devolve on him by operation of law; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to incorporate into the law of this State the aforesaid rule which has long obtained in the Federal courts; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Chancery", sub-title "Pleadings, Practice and Process", said new section to be known as Section 240A and to follow immediately after Section 240 of said Article, and to read as follows:

240A. In any action brought by a stockholder in the right of a foreign or domestic corporation, it must be made to appear that the plaintiff was a stockholder at the time of the transaction of which he complains, or that his stock thereafter devolved upon him by operation of law.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved May 4, 1945.

CHAPTER 1073.

(House Bill 864)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 6 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Caroline County", sub-title "Circuit Court", said new section to