

WHEREAS, it is desirable to have a central place in which all these old papers, records and documents can be preserved and safeguarded from fire and other hazards; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", subtitle "Hall of Records Commission", said new section to be known as Section 126A, to follow immediately after Section 126 of said Article, and to read as follows:

126A. Papers, records and documents, now in the Court Houses of this State, which were made prior to April 28th, 1788, the date of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States by the State of Maryland, shall be transferred as soon as practicable after June 1, 1945 to the Hall of Records Commission, which is hereby made the official custodian of such papers, records and documents, with full power to certify the same as provided in Section 127. Every Clerk of Court, Register of Wills, or other public official, now having custody of said papers, records and documents, is hereby directed to transfer the same to said Hall of Records Commission and upon making such transfer, every such Clerk, Register of Wills or other official is hereby relieved from any duties or responsibilities in connection therewith.

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

Approved March 16, 1945.

CHAPTER 249.

(Senate Bill 53)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 5A of Article 62 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Marriages", authorizing clerks to issue marriage licenses to members of the Merchant Marine, under certain conditions and limiting the operation of certain provisions to the period of the war and six months thereafter.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 5A of Article 62 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Marriages" be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: