

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

Approved April 23, 1945.

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CHAPTER 724.

(Senate Bill 551)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Article 31A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act," providing that courts of record shall have the power to declare rights, status, and other legal relations, whether or not further relief is or could be claimed.

WHEREAS, The Court of Appeals of Maryland, in a series of recent decisions, has held that a proceeding for a declaratory judgment is not appropriate within the contemplation of the Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act, when there exists an immediate cause of action between the parties for which one of the common remedies at law or in equity is adequate and available, and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the General Assembly that the real legislative intent in the passage of the Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act, was that the existence of another adequate remedy at law or in equity should not preclude a judgment for declaratory relief in cases in which it was appropriate, and

WHEREAS, It is the intent and desire of the General Assembly by the repeal and re-enactment of the Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act so to change the wording of the Act that it clearly and unmistakably expresses the intention which the General Assembly believes was sought to be expressed in the passage of the Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Article 31A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1. (Scope.) Courts of record within their respective jurisdictions shall have power to declare rights, status,