

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 727.

(Senate Bill 574)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Chancery," sub-title "Trustee," said new section to be known as Section 279A, and to follow immediately after Section 279 of said Article, relating to the administration of charitable trusts, devises or bequests, giving statutory recognition to the doctrine of "Cy-Pres" in construing charitable bequests, and making uniform the law with reference thereto.

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 "Trustee," said new section to be known as Section 279A, to follow immediately after Section 279 of said Article, and to read as follows:

279A. If a trust for charity is or becomes illegal, or impossible or impracticable of enforcement or if a devise or bequest for charity, at the time it was intended to become effective, is illegal, or impossible or impracticable of enforcement, and if the settlor, or testator, manifested a general intention to devote the property to charity, a court of equity may, on application of any trustee, or any interested person, or the attorney general of the state, order an administration of the trust, devise or bequest as nearly as possible to fulfill the general charitable intention of the settlor, or testator.

This section shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those states which enact it.

This section may be cited as the Uniform Charitable Trusts Administration Act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.