

in convenient form and in the case of taxicabs shall recite the manufacturer's engine number and any other identifying description or information as the Department may prescribe, and in the case of commercial motor vehicles for hire shall recite the factory identification for such makes of vehicles as are so identified or the factory serial number for such makes of vehicles as are so identified until the manufacturers thereof adopt and use an identification number only, and shall apply only to the vehicle for which it is issued.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved May 6, 1949.

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## CHAPTER 742

(House Bill 562)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 1 and 2 of Article 67 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Negligence Causing Death", providing for a lien against vessels which have wrongfully caused death.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 1 and 2 of Article 67 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Negligence Causing Death", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1. Whenever the death of a person shall be caused by wrongful act, neglect or default, and the act, neglect or default is such as would (if death had not ensued) have entitled the party injured to maintain an action and recover damages in respect thereof, the vessel or person who would have been liable if death had not ensued, or the executor or administrator of the said person who would have been liable in case of the death of the said person who would have been liable, shall be liable to an action for damages, notwithstanding the death of the person injured, and although the death shall have been caused under such circumstances as amount in law to felony and if death ensues as a result of wrongful act, neglect or default of a vessel, suit may be brought in rem against said vessel in any court of competent jurisdiction; provided, however, that any such action against the executor or administrator of the said person who would have been liable