

of business and public records as evidence 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 35 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Evidence", sub-title "Proof of Accounts", said new section to be known as Section 68A, to follow immediately after Section 68 of said Article, and to read as follows:*

68A. *(a) If any business, institution, member of a profession or calling, or any department or agency of government, in the regular course of business or activity has kept or recorded any memorandum, writing, entry, print, representation or combination thereof, of any act, transaction, occurrence or event, and in the regular course of business has caused any or all of the same to be recorded, copied or reproduced by any photographic, photostatic, microfilm, micro-card, miniature photographic, or other process which accurately reproduces or forms a durable medium for so reproducing the original, the original may be destroyed in the regular course of business unless held in a custodial or fiduciary capacity or unless its preservation is required by law. Such reproduction, when satisfactorily identified, is as admissible in evidence as the original itself in any judicial or administrative proceeding whether the original is in existence or not and an enlargement or facsimile of such reproduction is likewise admissible in evidence if the original reproduction is in existence and available for inspection under direction of the court. The introduction of a reproduced record, enlargement or facsimile, does not preclude admission of the original.*

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

*(c) This section may be cited as the Uniform Photographic Copies of Business and Public Records as Evidence Act.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That all laws or parts of laws, whether public general or public local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be and they are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1951.*

Approved March 14, 1951.