

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 14, 1951.

CHAPTER 81

(House Bill 23)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 449(a) of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1949 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "People's Court", relating to the time within which judgments by confession in the People's Court may be stricken out.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 449(a) of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1949 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "People's Court", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

449.

(a) **[**Within thirty days**]** After the entry of any judgment in the People's Court on any confessed judgment note, any judge may **[**, in his discretion,**]**, *in conformity with the rules of the Court of Appeals applicable to the entry of judgments by confession in nisi prius courts*, strike out said judgment upon such terms and conditions including a trial on the merits, as the Court may direct. Within thirty days after the entry of any order or judgment in the People's Court, other than those on confessed judgment notes, any Judge may, in his discretion, strike out such order or judgment upon proof of fraud, mistake or irregularity. Such action on the part of the Judge shall be upon such terms and conditions, including a new trial, as he may prescribe.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets**]** indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.