

provisions applying to accounts between merchants who are not residents within this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 1 of Article 57 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Limitation of Actions", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1. All actions of account, actions of assumpsit, or on the case, except as hereinafter provided, actions of debt on simple contract, detinue or replevin, all actions for trespass for injuries to real or personal property, all actions for illegal arrest, false imprisonment, or violation of the twenty-third, twenty-sixth, thirty-first and thirty-second articles of the declaration of rights, or any of them, or of the existing, or any future provisions of the code touching the writ of habeas corpus or proceedings thereunder, and all actions, whether of debt, ejection or of any other description whatsoever, brought to recover rent in arrear, reserved under any form of lease, whether for ninety-nine years renewable forever, or for a greater or lesser period, and all distraints issued to recover such rent shall be commenced, sued or issued within three years from the time the cause of action accrued; and all actions on the case for libel and slander and all actions of assault, battery and wounding, or any of them, within one year from the time the cause of action accrued [; this section not to apply to such accounts as concern the trade or merchandise between merchant and merchant, their factors and servants who are not residents within this State].

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1951.

Approved May 7, 1951.

CHAPTER 680

(Senate Bill 400)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 89, 90, 91, 96 and 97 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1947 Supplement),

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.