

CHAPTER 9

(Senate Bill 2)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 18A of Article 18 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Acknowledgments", sub-title "Uniform Acknowledgments Act", as said section was enacted by Chapter 404 of the Acts of 1953, making specific mention of certain commissioned officers of the Air Force taking acknowledgments by persons connected with the armed forces of the United States.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 18A of Article 18 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Acknowledgments", sub-title "Uniform Acknowledgments Act", as said section was enacted by Chapter 404 of the Acts of 1953, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

18A. (Acknowledgments by Persons Serving in or with the Armed Forces of the United States and their respective spouses Within or Without the United States.) In addition to the acknowledgment of instruments in the manner and form and as otherwise authorized by this sub-title, any person serving in or with the armed forces of the United States and their respective spouses may acknowledge the same wherever located before any commissioned officer in active service of the armed forces of the United States with the rank of Second Lieutenant or higher in the Army, *Air Force* or Marine Corps, or Ensign or higher in the Navy or United States Coast Guard. The instrument shall not be rendered invalid by the failure to state therein the place of execution or acknowledgment. No authentication of the officers' certificate of acknowledgment shall be required but the officer taking the acknowledgment shall endorse thereon or attach thereto a certificate substantially in the following form:

On this the day of, 19....., before me,, the undersigned officer, personally appeared, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be serving in or with the armed forces of the United States or the spouse of such person and to

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.