

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 4 of Article 67 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Negligence Causing Death", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

4. Action for wrongful death.

Every such action shall be for the benefit of the wife, husband, parent and child of the person whose death shall have been so caused or if there be no such person or persons entitled, then any person related to the deceased by blood or marriage, who, as a matter of fact, was wholly dependent upon the person whose death shall have been so caused. Every such action shall be brought by and in the name of the State of Maryland for the use of the person or persons entitled to damages; "parent" shall include the mother of an illegitimate child whose death shall have been so caused; "child" shall include an illegitimate child whenever the person whose death is so caused is the mother of such child; and in every such action the jury may give such damages as they may think proportioned to the injury resulting from such death to the parties respectively for whom and for whose benefit such action shall be brought, and the amount so recovered, after deducting the costs not recovered from the defendant, shall be divided amongst the above-mentioned parties, in such shares as the jury by their verdict shall find and direct; provided, that no more than one action shall lie for and in respect of the same subject matter of complaint; and that every such action shall be commenced within [eighteen months] ~~three~~ TWO years after the death of the deceased person.

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT EXTENDING THE TIME FROM EIGHTEEN MONTHS TO THREE YEARS WITHIN WHICH AN ACTION FOR WRONGFUL DEATH MAY BE COMMENCED SHALL APPLY ONLY TO THOSE CASES IN WHICH DEATHS OCCUR ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

SEC. 2 3 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.

Approved April 28, 1959.

CHAPTER 752

(House Bill 516)

AN ACT to add new Section 69A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Garrett County (1957 Edition, being Article 12 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Garrett County", sub-title "County Commissioners", to follow immediately after Section 69 thereof, providing for the employment of an Industrial Engineer

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.