

CHAPTER 47

(Senate Bill 59)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 24 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Chancery", sub-title "Divorce and Annulment", amending the laws concerning divorce a vinculo matrimonii in order to correct an error in the wording thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 24 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Chancery", sub-title "Divorce and Annulment", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

24. Upon a hearing of any bill for a divorce, the court may decree a divorce a vinculo matrimonii for the following causes, to wit: First, the impotence of either party at the time of the marriage; secondly, for any cause which by the laws of this State, render a marriage null and void ab initio; thirdly, for adultery; fourthly, when the court shall be satisfied by competent testimony that the party complained against has abandoned the party complaining, and that such abandonment has continued uninterruptedly for at least eighteen months, and is deliberate and final, and the separation of the parties beyond any reasonable expectation of reconciliation; fifthly, when the husband and wife shall have voluntarily lived separate and apart, without any cohabitation, for eighteen consecutive months prior to the filing of the bill of complaint, and such separation is beyond any reasonable expectation of reconciliation; sixthly, when the party complained against has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this State or of any other state [of] or the United States and has been sentenced to serve at least three years in any penitentiary or penal institution eighteen months of which sentence has been served.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved March 11, 1965.

CHAPTER 48

(Senate Bill 61)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 60 of Article 11 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Banks and Trust Companies", sub-title "Trust Companies", amending the laws concerning directors of trust companies organized under the banking laws of this State in order to correct an error therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 60 of Article 11 of the Annotated Code of Maryland