

CHAPTER 405

(House Bill 460)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 9 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Testamentary Law," subtitle "Account"; Sections 109 and 128 of said Article, subtitle "Debts"; Section 174 of said Article, subtitle "Guardian and Ward"; Sections 217 and 220 of said Article, subtitle "Guardians and Infants Not Residing in This State"; Section 241 of said Article, subtitle "Inventory and List of Debts"; Section 261 of said Article, subtitle "Orphans' Court"; Section 292 of said Article, subtitle "Register of Wills"; and Section 361 of said Article, subtitle "Wills"; to raise the amount chargeable to a married woman's estate for her funeral expenses from \$300.00 to \$500.00 in conformity with the general provisions of Article 93, Sections 6 and 7; to extend the periods for payment of claims by the administrator so as to conform this duty chronologically with the companion duty to state accounts according to Article 93, Sections 1 and 3; to delete the provisions for the fee of the Register of Wills for making entries of claim and for docketing charges so that such fees may be controlled by the provisions of Article 36, Section 24; to delete the provisions favoring married female minors in conformity with similar provisions contained in the Acts of 1965, Chapter 257; to permit a nonresident guardian of the estate of an infant to claim the property of such infant situated in the State; to provide for the disposition, exempt from appraisement, of the wearing apparel of the decedent, male or female, and to exclude furs from the definition of wearing apparel; to provide, in certain cases, for the transfer of certain boats or vessels belonging to deceased persons by the Maryland Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs in addition to previous methods of transfer without formal administration; and to delete the provisions requiring the Registers of Wills and Clerks of Court to maintain special books for the recording of releases of powers of appointment and indices thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 9 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Testamentary Law," subtitle "Account"; Sections 109 and 128 of said Article, subtitle "Debts"; Section 174 of said Article, subtitle "Guardian and Ward"; Sections 217 and 220 of said Article, subtitle "Guardians and Infants Not Residing in This State"; Section 241 of said Article, subtitle "Inventory and List of Debts"; Section 261 of said Article, subtitle "Orphans' Court"; Section 292 of said Article, subtitle "Register of Wills"; and Section 361 of said Article, subtitle "Wills," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

9.

Whenever any married woman dies, or shall have died, her estate, providing it be solvent, shall be liable for the payment of her funeral expenses, to be allowed in the discretion of the court according to the conditions and circumstances of the deceased, not to exceed **[three hundred (\$300)]** *five hundred (\$500)* dollars, except by special order of court. It shall be the duty of the executor or adminis-