

notice; (2) That defendant has thirty days from the date of the notice within which to engage counsel of his own selection to defend him in the claim or action and that his counsel shall enter his appearance for defendant within the thirty-day period or that defendant may enter an appearance in his own behalf in the claim or action within the said period; and (3) That, if the provisions of Item 2 hereinabove are not complied with, at any time after thirty days from the date of the notice and without further notice, judgment may be entered against him in the claim or action in the amount of the settlement offer. After the expiration of any thirty-day period of notice to a defendant, the Board may request the court to set the claim or action for a hearing. At the hearing the court may proceed in a summary manner, and if it is satisfied that this section or any other applicable provisions of this subtitle have been complied with, it may enter judgment against the defendant in favor of the plaintiff in the amount of the settlement offer. ¶The defendant has ten days in which to appeal from the date of the entry of the judgment.‡ Upon the expiration of ten days from the entry of any judgment entered pursuant to this section, such judgment shall not be subject to appeal, amendment, or other action of the court, unless there shall be proof of fraud, mutual mistake, or obvious irregularity.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved April 28, 1970

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CHAPTER 492  
(House Bill 945)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 10 of Article 50 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Joint Obligations and Joint Tenancy," subtitle "Interparty Agreements," to clarify the law with respect to direct conveyances between husband and wife.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 10 of Article 50 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Joint Obligations and Joint Tenancy," subtitle "Interparty Agreements," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

10.

(a) A conveyance, release or sale may be made to, or by two or more persons acting jointly, and one or more, but less than all, of these persons, acting either by himself or themselves or with other persons; and a contract may be made between such parties.

(b) *This section shall be construed to authorize a conveyance of any interest in real or leasehold property (1) by husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, as joint tenants, or as tenants in common to the husband alone, the wife alone, or to the husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, as joint tenants, or as tenants*