

And such assignment shall be recorded [on the record in the office of the clerk of the court where the original mortgage is recorded, and at or near the foot of said mortgage, in a blank to be left by the clerk who shall record such mortgage] *photographically by the clerk of the court with an attachment or rider thereto affixed which shall contain the names of the parties as they appear on the original mortgage, together with a reference to the book number and page number where such mortgage has been recorded; and the names of the assignor or assignors and of the assignee or assignees shall be indexed in the general alphabetical index provided for in Sections 54 and 55 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland.*

35.

*Such release at the option of the clerks of court in whose offices the book form of recording is used may be written by the mortgagee, or his assignee, or the trustee under a deed of trust, upon the record in the office where the mortgage, or deed of trust is recorded, and attested by the clerk of the court; and the clerk of court in whose offices the book form of recording is used at the time of recording every mortgage, or deed of trust shall leave a blank space at the foot thereof for the purpose of entering such release.*

36.

[Or, such a] *Such release [may] shall be endorsed on the original mortgage or deed of trust by the mortgagee or his assignee, or the trustee under a deed of trust; and upon such mortgage or the deed of trust, with the release thereon endorsed, being filed in the office in which the mortgage or deed of trust is recorded, the clerk shall record such release [at the foot of the mortgage or deed of trust] photographically, with an attachment or rider thereto affixed which shall contain the names of the parties as they appear on the original mortgage or deed of trust, together with a reference to the book number and page number where such mortgage or deed of trust has been recorded.*

37.

When the mortgage or the deed of trust, with the release thereon, is filed for the purpose of recording the release, the clerk shall retain such mortgage or deed of trust in his office and not permit the same to be again withdrawn for a period of twenty-five (25) years, after which time he may destroy it; provided, however, that if the [release is partial in its character, after the recording of the same, the clerk may permit the mortgage or deed of trust to be withdrawn] *clerk's method of recording is such that he preserves a photographic copy of the release described in Section 36 of this Article, he may then permit such original mortgage or deed of trust with the release thereon to be withdrawn.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.*

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