

respects in conformity with the laws; provided, further, that nothing in this section shall affect the interest of bona fide purchasers or creditors without notice, who may have become so previous to July 1, [1971] 1972.

100.

Any assignment of any mortgage, which assignment has been heretofore executed and recorded, but which has not been sealed and in which no mention of any seal has been made or in which either of such defects, or any mortgage, or assignment of mortgage sworn to or not sworn to at all, shall be and they are hereby made valid to all intents and purposes, as if said mortgage or assignment of mortgage had been in such matters in full conformity with the law in force at the time of such execution, provided, that any such mortgage or assignment of mortgage is in other respects legal and valid, and provided further, that nothing in Section 99 and this section shall affect the rights of any bona fide purchasers or creditors, without notice, who may have become so prior to July 1, [1971] 1972.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved April 26, 1972.

CHAPTER 117

(Senate Bill 869)

AN ACT to add new Section 3 (g-1) to Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," to follow immediately after Section 3 (g) to require the County Commissioners of Charles County to establish a pension and disability benefit plan for the sheriff of Charles County and certain of his employees and establishing certain criteria for the institution of these plans.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 3 (g-1) be and it is hereby added to Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," to follow immediately after Section 3 (g) to read as follows:

3.

(g-1) In Charles County the County Commissioners shall establish a separate pension plan for the Charles County Sheriff's Department which shall include the sheriff and each sworn employee of the Sheriff's Department who is actively engaged in law enforcement. The pension plan shall provide eligibility for retirement after thirty (30) years of active service regardless of age, and for early retirement after twenty (20) years of active service reduced by two