

Board of Examiners the sum of five dollars (\$5.00), and to the register of said Board the sum of seventy-five cents.

SECTION 36. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 13; 14(43), (72), and (82); 18; and 22 of Article 75 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Pleadings, Practice and Process at Law," subtitles "II. Pleadings" and "III. Practice," subheadings "In General," "Forms of Pleadings," "Arbitration and Award," and "Cases by Consent," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, all to read as follows:

13.

If an [infant] PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE is entitled to lands by purchase, he shall not be obliged to answer any suit or action, except in cases where the heir would be bound by law to answer.

14.

(43) That at the time of the making of the alleged deed the defendant was and still is within [twenty-one] EIGHTEEN years of age.

(72) That the defendant was not within the age of [twenty-one] EIGHTEEN years, as alleged.

(82) That the plaintiff is within [twenty-one] EIGHTEEN years of age; and has declared by attorney, when he should have declared by next friend or guardian.

18.

If the death of either of the parties happens before an award is returned and judgment thereon, the cause shall not abate, but upon reasonable notice to the person succeeding to the interest of the deceased in the matter in contest, and not being a [minor] PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, the arbitrators shall proceed to a determination and return their award, upon which judgment may be entered notwithstanding the death of either of the parties. This section shall be retroactive so as to apply to the death of any party prior to June 1, 1963.

22.

The "next friend," or prochein ami, who shall have brought any suit at law for the benefit of any [infant or infants] PERSON OR PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, shall have authority to compromise and settle said suit and the cause of action; provided, that whenever such "next friend" shall not be a parent of the infant or a person standing in loco parentis, the consent of such parent or other person shall first be had and obtained; and if both parents be dead and there be no other person having the care and custody of the infant, the authority of the orphans' court of the city or county in which such suit has been brought shall be requisite to give validity to the proposed compromise or settlement; but such authority shall never be granted except upon written application therefor by such "next friend" setting forth under oath all the facts of the case and the reasons why such compromise or settlement is deemed to be for the best interest of the infant. This section shall apply to suits brought by the State of Maryland for the use of infants as equitable plaintiffs, as well as to suits brought by infants as plaintiffs by their "next friend."

SECTION 37. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2(a) of Article 75A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Public Accountancy," be and it is hereby repealed and