

CHAPTER 7

(Senate Bill 322)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 385 of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "Insurance Contracts Generally," to provide that the section exempting insurance proceeds from creditors' claims shall apply equally to proceeds of policies made or assigned for the benefit of either spouse.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 385 of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "Insurance Contracts Generally," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

385.

The proceeds, including death benefits, cash surrender and loan values, premiums waived, and dividends, whether used in reduction of the premiums or in whatsoever manner used or applied, excepting only where the debtor has, subsequent to the issuance of the policy, actually elected to receive dividends in cash, of any policy of life insurance or under any annuity contract upon the life of any person heretofore or hereafter made for the benefit of or assigned to the lwifel SPOUSE or children or dependent relative of such person, shall be exempt from all claims of the creditors of such person arising out of or based upon any obligation created after June 1, 1945, whether or not the right to change the named beneficiary is reserved or permitted to such person. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit any creditor from collecting the amount of any debt out of the proceeds of any life insurance policy pledged by the insured as security for such debt.

A change of beneficiary or assignment or other transfer shall be valid except in cases of transfer with actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud creditors.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved April 10, 1973.

CHAPTER 8

(Senate Bill 345)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 351(d) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1971 Replacement Volume) title "Health," subtitle "Funeral Directors and Embalmers," to provide that the right of continuation of a funeral director's or embalmer's business granted to members of the immediate family of a person who served in World War II shall apply equally to both sexes.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 351(d) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1971 Replacement Volume) title "Health," subtitle "Funeral Directors and Embalmers," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: