(B) THIS SECTION IS NOT APPLICABLE IF THE PERSON'S LAWFUL SPOUSE HAS BEEN ABSENT FROM THE PERSON FOR A CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF SEVEN YEARS AND THE PERSON DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER THE SPOUSE IS LIVING AT THE TIME OF THE SUBSEQUENT MARRIAGE CEREMONY.]

SECTION [[4]] 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

Approved April 22, 1975.

## CHAPTER 332

(Senate Bill 537)

AN ACT concerning

Sex Discrimination - Alimony

FOR the purpose of providing that alimony may be awarded to either spouse.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 16 - Chancery Section 3 Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 3 of Article 16 — Chancery, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re—enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## Article 16 - Chancery

3.

In cases where a divorce is decreed, alimony may be awarded TO EITHER SPOUSE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.