

follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

18.

(A) ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO, WHILE LAWFULLY MARRIED TO A LIVING INDIVIDUAL, ENTERS INTO A MARRIAGE CEREMONY WITH ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL IS GUILTY OF BIGAMY AND ON CONVICTION SHALL BE SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR [NOT LESS THAN 18 MONTHS AND]] NOT MORE THAN NINE YEARS.

(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE LAWFUL SPOUSE HAS BEEN ABSENT FROM THE INDIVIDUAL FOR A CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF SEVEN YEARS AND WHO, AT THE TIME OF THE SUBSEQUENT MARRIAGE CEREMONY, DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THE SPOUSE IS LIVING.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 4, 1976.

CHAPTER 439

(House Bill 827)

AN ACT concerning

Militia - Defense by Attorney General

FOR the purpose of providing that an officer, warrant officer, or enlisted member of the organized militia shall be considered to be a State employee for purposes of the law allowing the Attorney General to defend certain actions instituted against an officer or employee of the State, and for purposes of the law allowing the Board of Public Works to satisfy certain judgments rendered against a State officer or employee.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 32A - Department of Law
Section 12A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 78A - Public Works
Section 16C(d)