

court, although it may appear from the evidence that such person or persons, his or their aiders and abettors, took and carried away the property or any portion of the same enumerated in this section, for his or their present use, and not with the intent of appropriating or converting the same. The provisions of Article 52, § 13, shall not apply to this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 29, 1979.

CHAPTER 553

(House Bill 477)

AN ACT concerning

Wrongful Death - Beneficiaries

FOR the purpose of ~~removing the requirement that a child of the deceased person be under a certain age in order to qualify as a beneficiary in a wrongful death action; and altering the provisions relating to damages changing a definition to specify the meaning of a child who is eligible to make a claim for recovery in an action of wrongful death.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3-901(b) and ~~3-904(a)~~
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-901.

(b) "Child" [means a person under 18 years of age and] includes an illegitimate child.

~~3-904.~~

~~(d) For the death of a spouse, [minor] child, or parent of a [minor] child, the damages awarded under subsection (c) are not limited or restricted by the~~