SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Approved April 8, 1980.

## CHAPTER 117

(House Bill 1970)

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts - Definition of Issue

FOR the purpose of clarifying the meaning of the word "issue", in the Estates and Trusts Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Estates and Trusts Section 1-209 Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1979 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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 - Estates and Trusts

1-209.

- (A) IN CONSTRUING ALL PROVISIONS OF THE ESTATES OF DECEDENTS LAW AND, UNLESS A CONTRARY INTENTION IS INDICATED, IN CONSTRUING THE TERMS OF A WILL, [Issue] ISSUE means every living lineal descendant except a lineal descendant of a living lineal descendant.
- (B) A person who is treated as a child of a person pursuant to §§ 1-205 through 1-208 shall be considered for all purposes as:
  - (1) a lineal descendant of the person; and
- (2) subject to the exception in the first sentence of this section, a lineal descendant of all persons of whom the person is a lineal descendant.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.