

## Divorce and Annulment - Award of Family Home

FOR the purpose of providing that a family home or family use award to one spouse may not be used as evidence of constructive desertion against the other spouse with respect to an absolute or limited divorce or an annulment.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 3-6A-07  
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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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 - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-6A-07.

(a) An order, award, or decree entered under this subtitle may be enforced in accordance with the Maryland rules.

(b) Unless otherwise expressly provided by the court, the filing of an action for limited or absolute divorce, or annulment, whether or not specific relief under this subtitle is requested, does not constitute lis pendens with respect to any property of a party.

(C) AN ORDER, AWARD, OR DECREE ENTERED UNDER § 3-6A-06 OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED AS EVIDENCE OF CONSTRUCTIVE DESERTION.

[[c)] (D) Any decree of limited or absolute divorce, or annulment in which the court reserves the power to exercise in any respect the authority conferred by this subtitle shall in all other respects remain final and subject to appeal.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Approved April 22, 1980.

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(House Bill 318)