

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved May 13, 1986.

CHAPTER 374

(Senate Bill 864)

AN ACT concerning

Actions for Wrongful Death - Occupational Diseases -
Limitations

FOR the purpose of providing that, ~~in addition to existing provisions, the period of limitations for filing an action for wrongful death does not begin to run until the date the dependents of the injured person knew or reasonably should have known of the wrongful act, whichever is later; an exception for a death caused by an occupational disease to the general statute of limitations for filing an action for wrongful death; providing that the statute of limitations for filing an action for wrongful death caused by an occupational disease shall begin to run from the date of discovery of certain facts; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the statute of limitations for filing an action for wrongful death caused by an occupational disease.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3-904(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, As a matter of fundamental fairness, a cause of action should not be deemed to have accrued until the date that knowledge of the wrong upon which the action is based is discovered or should be discovered; and

WHEREAS, Enactment of this section will provide full protection to the dependents of persons who have died as the result of the wrongful act of another; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings