CHAPTER 379

(Senate Bill 891)

AN ACT concerning

Personal Injury Claim - Release of Subsequent Tort-Feasor

FOR the purpose of providing that a release executed by a person who has sustained personal injuries does not discharge a certain subsequent tort-feasor.

BY adding to

Article 79 - Releases and Receipts Section 13 Annotated Code of Maryland (1980 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article 79 - Releases and Receipts

13.

A RELEASE EXECUTED BY A PERSON WHO HAS SUSTAINED PERSONAL INJURIES DOES NOT DISCHARGE A SUBSEQUENT TORT-FEASOR WHO IS NOT A PARTY TO THE RELEASE AND:

- (1) WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INJURED PERSON'S INJURIES IS UNKNOWN AT THE TIME OF EXECUTION OF THE RELEASE; OR
- (2) WHO IS NOT SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED IN THE RELEASE.

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

Approved May 13, 1986.