

VETOES

AN ACT concerning

Family Law - Enforcement of Deeds,
Agreements, and Settlements

FOR the purpose of clarifying that a court may enforce by power of contempt the provisions of a deed, agreement, or settlement that is merged into a divorce decree; clarifying that a court may enforce by power of contempt or as an independent contract not superseded by the divorce decree the provisions of a deed, agreement, or settlement that contains language that the deed, decree, or settlement is incorporated but not merged into a divorce decree; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the enforcement of deeds, agreements, and settlements.

BY adding to

Article - Family Law
Section 8-105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

Article - Family Law

8-105.

(A) THE COURT MAY ENFORCE BY POWER OF CONTEMPT THE PROVISIONS OF A DEED, AGREEMENT, OR SETTLEMENT THAT IS MERGED INTO A DIVORCE DECREE.

(B) THE COURT MAY ENFORCE BY POWER OF CONTEMPT OR AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACT NOT SUPERSEDED BY THE DIVORCE DECREE THE PROVISIONS OF A DEED, AGREEMENT, OR SETTLEMENT THAT CONTAINS LANGUAGE THAT THE DEED, AGREEMENT, OR SETTLEMENT IS INCORPORATED BUT NOT MERGED INTO A DIVORCE DECREE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed retroactively, and shall apply to all divorce decrees, including those divorce decrees entered before July 1, 1989.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.
