

any service medal, or imitate or cause to be imitated, or issue, or sell any fac-simile or imitation of the same, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction thereof in any court having criminal jurisdiction in the State of Maryland, or before any justice of the peace of the State of Maryland in the county or city where the offense has been committed, be punished by imprisonment in the county or city jail for not less than six months nor more than one year, or by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars, or by both fine and imprisonment.

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## ARTICLE LXVI.

### MORTGAGES.

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| <p>4. When preferred to previous judgments or decrees; proviso.</p> <p>26. Annual crops of debtor not to pass with mortgage.</p> <p>27. Agreement for rental of said crops; appointment of appraisers by court.</p> | <p>28. Right to distrain for rental; provisos.</p> <p>29. Defective mortgages and assignments of mortgages since 1898 made valid.</p> |
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1900, ch. 393.

**4.** Whenever lands or chattels real are sold and conveyed, and a mortgage is given by the purchaser at the same time to secure the payment of the purchase money, in whole or in part, such mortgage shall be preferred to any previous judgment or decree for the payment of money which may have been obtained against such purchaser, whether the mortgage is given to the vendor of the property so purchased or to a third party who advances the purchase money in whole or in part; provided, such mortgage recite that the sum so secured is in whole or part the purchase money of the property purchased; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be held or construed to affect existing rights.