

1922, ch. 490, sec. 21.

23. Any man who is a citizen of the United States, or has declared his intention to become a citizen, if more than eighteen and not over forty-five years of age, able-bodied, of good character and temperate habits, may be enlisted in the organized militia of this State as provided in this Article and the National Defense Act and regulations made in pursuance thereof.

No man above the age of forty-five shall be re-enlisted, except by permission of the Governor, and upon the recommendation of his immediate commanding officer.

It shall be unlawful for any person to misstate his age for the purpose of securing enlistment in the organized militia of this State. It shall be unlawful for any person to enlist in two military organizations at the same time. Any person violating provisions of this section shall be guilty of fraudulent enlistment.

1922, ch. 490, sec. 22.

24. Men enlisting in the organized militia shall take and subscribe to the following oath of enlistment:

"I do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this. . . . . day of. . . . ., 19. . . ., as a soldier in the National Guard of the United States and of the State of Maryland, for the period of three (or one) year. . . . ., under the conditions prescribed by law, unless sooner discharged by proper authority. And I do solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America and to the State of Maryland, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever, and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and of the Governor of the State of Maryland, and of the officers appointed over me according to law and the rules and Articles of War."

All officers of the organized militia of this State shall be empowered to administer oaths of enlistment.

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25. Organization commanders may cause those under their command to perform any military duty, and shall be responsible to the Governor for the general efficiency of the units of the organized militia under their commands. Commanding officers of units shall be responsible to their immediate commanders for the equipment, drill, instruction, movements and efficiency of their respective commands. All officers and enlisted men shall be responsible to their immediate commanding officers for prompt and unhesitating obedience, proper drill and the preservation and proper use of the property of State and of the United States, or organization, in their possession. Units of the organized militia will be inspected by officers detailed for that duty, whenever in the judgment of the Governor it is deemed advisable and in addition inspections by officers of the Regular Army will be made as prescribed by the National Defense Act.