

An. Code, 1924, sec. 24. 1912, sec. 23. 1904, sec. 23. 1888, sec. 23. 1868, ch. 292. 1870, ch. 279. 1876, ch. 384. 1884, ch. 67. 1886, ch. 182. 1935, ch. 130.

24. In all cases of renting land wherein a share of the growing crop or crops shall be reserved as rent, or wherein advances by the landlord have been made upon the faith of the crops to be grown, said rent reserved and such advances made shall be a lien on such crop or crops, which shall not be divested by any sale made thereof by the tenant, or by any administrator of a deceased tenant, or by the assignment of the tenant in insolvency, or by process of law issued against the tenant; provided, that at the time of the said renting, the contract under and by which the said advances are made shall be reduced to writing, duly attested and executed by the said landlord and tenant. Provided, however, that before such advances shall be a lien in Charles County the contract under which such advances are made shall be recorded as other liens are recorded and the Clerk of the Circuit Court for said county shall record and properly index the same in a well bound book to be used solely for that purpose. The provisions of this section shall only apply to the counties of St. Mary's, Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and Worcester.

See notes to sec. 22.

1933, ch. 185.

24A. Whenever the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Regional Agricultural Credit Corporations, the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, or any federal agency, including the United States of America, now or hereafter authorized to lend money to agricultural producers, or any National or State bank, trust company, agricultural credit corporation, incorporated livestock loan company, savings institution, co-operative bank, co-operative credit association, co-operative marketing association, entitled to re-discount privileges with the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank under the provisions of the Agricultural Credits Act of one thousand nine hundred twenty-three of the United States, or any person, firm or corporation, hereinafter designated as lienees, makes advances either in money or supplies or other things of value to any person, association, partnership or corporation engaged in or about to engage in agricultural pursuits, such of the lienees so making such advances shall have a lien during such time as such advances remain unpaid on all of the crops which may be planted or seeded or fruit crops maturing upon the lands in or about the cultivation of which the advances so made have been or were intended to be expended, after the making of such advances until the repayment of such advances; but such of the lienees making such advances shall not have the benefit of a lien unless there is an agreement in writing, signed by both parties, in which there is specified the amount advanced, or a limit to be fixed, beyond which any advances, made from time to time, within one year from the date of the agreement, shall not go, and the said agreement shall contain a brief description of the land so cultivated or to be cultivated; and said agreement shall be acknowledged in the same manner as chattel mortgages and shall not be valid except as