

ments, requiring acknowledgment, before commissioned officers.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new Section be added to Article 21 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Conveyancing", sub-heading "Conveyances in General", to follow immediately after Section 6 of said Article and to be known as Section 6A, said new Section to read as follows:

6A. Any and all deeds, mortgages, releases, bonds of conveyance, bills of sale, chattel mortgages and all other conveyances of real and personal property and of any interest therein and all agreements relating thereto and all other instruments of any kind, which require acknowledgment under the law of this State, may be acknowledged by any member of the armed forces of the United States located outside of the continental limits of the United States before any commissioned officer of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or other branch of the armed forces of the United States. An acknowledgment made under the provisions hereof shall be in substantially the following form:

"With the Armed Forces of the United States }
At. } ss:
I hereby certify that the foregoing instrument was acknowledged this day of 194. . . . , by, serving in the armed forces of the United States, before me, a Commissioned Officer in the active service of the (Army of the United States, United States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Coast Guard or other branch of the armed forces of the United States, as the case may be.)
(Signature of Officer)
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(Name, rank, unit to which he is attached, and permanent address of officer)".

The officer taking such acknowledgment shall not be required to affix a seal thereto. If the need for maintaining secrecy precludes disclosure of the place of execution or acknowledgment, the words "an undisclosed place" may be supplied in lieu of the appropriate foreign country, district, locality, nation or state. No instrument acknowledged as provided herein shall be invalid because of a failure to state therein the place of execution or acknowledgment; and no acknowledgment made in accordance with the provisions hereof shall be required to be authenticated in any manner whatsoever.