

the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Trial Magistrates System", relating to substitute Trial Magistrates in Montgomery County.

I am vetoing this Bill because the title is defective. The title states that the Bill relates to substitute trial magistrates in Montgomery County, while the Bill in fact increases the salaries and expense funds of the deputy sheriffs.

MORTGAGES

SENATE BILL No. 228.

AN ACT to repeal Sections 6 to 16, inclusive, of Article 66 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Mortgages", and to enact in lieu thereof 11 new sections, to be known as Sections 6 to 16A, inclusive, of said Article 66 and to follow immediately after Section 5 thereof, combining and standardizing the procedure for the foreclosure of mortgages in Baltimore City and the counties of this State; and to repeal Sections 840 to 855, inclusive, of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1938 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Mortgages", said sections relating generally to the foreclosure of mortgages.

This Bill as originally drawn and recommended by the Bar Associations made the law relating to the foreclosure of mortgages by assent to the decree prevail throughout the State instead of only in Baltimore City. It was also intended in Section 16 to introduce a limitation as to mortgages unpaid for twenty years.

However, Section 16 was amended to provide that all mortgages would be invalid unless re-recorded every twenty years. This provision is unfortunate and could be most harmful. There are many G.I. and F.H.A. mortgages that will run for twenty-five or thirty years, and, of course, indentures securing bond issues run for much longer periods.

There is a serious question as to the constitutionality of a law which invalidates a lien by mere lapse of time.

For these reasons the Bill has been vetoed.

MOTOR VEHICLES

SENATE BILL No. 43

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Paragraph (Class H. Pneumatic Tires) of Section 74 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement),