

## CHAPTER 108

(Senate Bill 110)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 26 of Article 53 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Landlord and Tenant", sub-title "Distress for Rent", relating to liens on crops for advance made by certain persons, associations or institutions.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 26 of Article 53 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Landlord and Tenant", sub-title "Distress for Rent", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## 26.

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, cooperative bank, cooperative credit association, cooperative marketing association, entitled to rediscount 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 *all of whom are hereinafter referred to as "lienees",* [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 between the parties unless such of the lienees so making the advances or its agent shall make an affidavit that the consideration in said agreement is true and bona fide as therein set forth; and the said agreement may be recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the county in which the land upon which said crops shall be planted or intended to be planted, is situate; and if said land lies in more than one county,

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.