

*crops, which shall not be divested by any sale made thereof by the tenant, or by any personal representative 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 by which the said advances are made shall be written and executed by the landlord and tenant.*

8-216. *Stripping and marketing of tobacco.*

(a) *Whenever tobacco is grown on leased property and the tenant fails to make reasonable progress within six months from the first day of September in each year to strip and place such tobacco on the market, the landlord may, at any time after the first day of March in each year, strip, pack, ship and sell at the tenant's expense any and all tobacco grown on the premises by said tenant in the previous year or years. All expenses paid by the landlord in the stripping, packing, shipment or sale shall be a first and prior lien on said tobacco and the proceeds thereof, notwithstanding any agreement or obligation of the tenant or provision of law to the contrary.*

(b) *A tenant, or anyone acting on his behalf, interfering in any way whatsoever, directly or indirectly, with the stripping, packing, shipment or sale of said tobacco by the landlord, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished, upon conviction, by a fine of not less than ~~ninety (90) days nor more than six months, or both~~ OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OR BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN NINETY (90) DAYS NOR MORE THAN 6 MONTHS, OR BOTH.*

8-217. *Decree for renewal of lease.*

*A court of equity may pass a decree for the renewal of a lease which contains a covenant for renewal, including a lease for 99 years, renewable forever. Such a decree shall be binding on such persons and have such effect as may be prescribed by the Maryland Rules.*

*Subtitle 3—Distress: Venue*

8-301. *Definitions of terms*

*The following words in this subtitle shall have the meanings set forth below unless the context clearly requires a different meaning:*

- (a) *“Court” means the District Court.*
- (b) *“Defendant” means a tenant.*
- (c) *“Distress” means an action of distress filed pursuant to the provisions of this subtitle.*
- (d) *“Goods” means goods, chattels, grain, crops and produce and shall include cash money found on the leased premises, regardless of where found or located. “Goods” shall not include choses in action or other forms of ~~tangible~~ INTANGIBLE property, nor shall it include written contracts, securities, bonds, notes, or other instruments for the payment of money.*

8-302. *Action at law; jurisdiction; venue.*

(a) *Distress for rent is hereby declared to be an action at law which shall be brought as provided herein.*