

(both included), the sum of five dollars, where the amount loaned does not exceed fifty dollars; six dollars where the amount exceeds fifty dollars and equals one hundred dollars or less; and five per centum additional of the excess over one hundred dollars, where the amount loaned exceeds one hundred dollars and equals one thousand dollars or less; and two and one-half per centum additional of the excess over one thousand dollars where the amount loaned exceeds one thousand dollars; for necessary affidavits, recording of papers, revenue stamps and fire insurance premiums the amounts actually to be paid for same; provided, that the foregoing charges may be deducted from the principal of the loan when the same is made; and provided, further, that in no case shall it be lawful to deduct interest in advance nor make any charges for renewals or extensions of loans, nor to divide or split up loans under any pretext whatsoever for the purpose of requiring or exacting any other or greater charges than prescribed herein. And any violation of the provisions of this Act shall be a misdemeanor, and punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars for the first offense, and of a like fine and imprisonment in jail for thirty days for the second and each subsequent offense; and further, the entire amount loaned shall be forfeited to the borrower or borrowers, and the mortgage therefor given become null and void.

Penalty for violation.

Approved April 10, 1900.

CHAPTER 405.

AN ACT to declare the sanction and consent of the General Assembly of Maryland to certain deeds made by various persons in the State of Maryland to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the sanction and consent of the General Assembly of Maryland be and the same is hereby declared, given and granted to the following deeds from certain persons to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Maryland.

Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Maryland.

(1.) To the deed from W. M. Stirling and wife, dated the 8th day of December, 1898, and recorded among the land records of Baltimore City in Liber R. O. No. 1765, folio 177.

(2.) To the deed from Rudolph Sommerwerck and wife, dated the 20th day of February, 1900, and recorded among the land records of Baltimore City in Liber R. O. No 1832, folio 484.