

amount than \$100, or for the use of said sum or loan or advance, or for examination or valuation of property, examination of title, preparation, registration or recording of papers, acknowledgments, affidavits, insurance or other expenses of any kind connected with said loan, provided, however, that the privileges extended by law to real estate brokers, loaning money on real estate as aforesaid, and to licensed petty loan brokers shall be extended also to attorneys at law in dealing with their clients and without requirement of any license or license fees from said attorneys.

The violation of any provision of this section shall be a misdemeanor on the part of the lender or procurer of said loan, and if such lender or procurer be a corporation or a non-resident of the State of Maryland, then such violation shall be a misdemeanor on the part of any person participating therein as a representative or agent of the lender or procurer, and all such misdemeanors upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 for the first offense, and for the second and each subsequent offense by a fine of not more than \$100 and imprisonment for not more than thirty days. And every loan in connection with which such violation shall have occurred shall be absolutely null and void and the borrower shall be entitled to recover from the lender any and all sums paid or returned on account of or in connection with such loan.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall apply to or affect the prosecution of any offense which may have been committed prior to the passage of this act or the punishment provided for such offense.

Approved April 11, 1912.

CHAPTER 836.

AN ACT to add three new sections to Article 56 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Licenses," sub-title "Brokers," to be known as sections 21A, 21B and 21C, defining and regulating the business of petty loan brokers.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That three new sections be added to Article 56 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Licenses," sub-title "Brokers," to be known as sections 21A, 21B and 21C, and to read as follows:

21A. Any person, firm, corporation or association applying for the same and paying the sum of \$50.00 may obtain a