

non-user of its corporate powers and franchises, as by law would authorize and make proper the forfeiture of its charter, corporate powers and franchises, the said Attorney General or State's Attorney, as the case may be, shall file with the Superior Court of Baltimore City, or the Circuit Court of the county, as the case may be, a petition in the name of the State, setting forth in detail the alleged abuse, misuse, or non-user, by reason whereof the forfeiture is sought; and upon the filing of such petition the court in which it is filed, or any judge thereof shall lay a rule requiring the said company or corporation to show cause, within such time as the said judge may deem proper, why a decree of forfeiture should not be passed as prayed in said petition; a copy of which rule and the petition shall be served on the president, manager, secretary or some other officer of the said company or corporation, by a day to be therein limited, not exceeding twenty days, as other processes against such companies or corporations are directed to be served; and further proceedings shall be had in said cause in conformity with the provisions of Article 23 with reference to proceeding to vacate the charter of corporations of the State.

1931, ch. 530, sec. 197.

197. Fees. Every company applying for a license under the provisions of this sub-title shall at the time of application pay to the Commissioner a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) at each annual renewal of said license. Every company shall also pay an annual fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for filing its annual statement.

1931, ch. 530, sec. 198.

198. Penalties. Any individual, agent or broker who sells or attempts to sell or negotiate within this State any contract of, or issued by, any company subject to the requirements of this sub-title, unless such company is licensed as herein provided, is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, or to undergo imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

Any person or company violating any provisions of any section of this sub-title for which no specific penalty is therein provided, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine not less than one hundred dollars or more than one thousand dollars for each and every such offense. Any person or company making any wilfully false statement in any annual statement, report or other written document required by any section of this sub-title to be filed with the Commissioner under oath, or while under oath administered by the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner or examiner which they are authorized by this sub-title to administer, at any investigation or hearing conducted by said Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner or examiner, which they are authorized to conduct, shall be deemed to be guilty of perjury and shall be proceeded against and punished as provided by the statutes of this State in relation to the crime of perjury.