

any liability in the matter of insurance upon any property, real or personal, situate in this State, unless such policy, certificate or other evidence of liability assumed by said corporation, association or individual shall have been, previous to delivery, signed or countersigned by an officer or agent, resident in this State, authorized by law to sign such policy or contract; provided, however, that policies issued to railway corporations insuring the rolling stock and other movable property of said road, and those insuring the liability of such railroads as common carriers, shall be subject to the requirement that they shall be signed by the resident agent in cases only where more than one half the trackage of the roads operated by such railway companies is situate in the State of Maryland. The premiums on all policies so signed or countersigned shall be included in the report of gross premiums required to be made to the Insurance Commissioner by all companies not organized under the laws of this State; and any person violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to the fines imposed by section 138 of this article.

1900, ch. 740.

**143 A.** All licenses for the purpose of conducting the occupation or business of an insurance broker shall be granted by the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Maryland, and all such licenses granted by said commissioner shall expire on the first day of May thereafter. Whoever, for compensation, acts or aids in any manner in negotiating contracts of insurance or reinsurance, or placing risks, or effecting insurance or reinsurance for a person other than himself, and not being duly appointed solicitor, agent or officer of the company in which such insurance or reinsurance is effected, shall be deemed an insurance broker within the meaning of this article.

Ibid.

**143 B.** Any person applying for the same and paying to the Insurance Commissioner the sum of one hundred dollars for the use of the State, and an additional sum of one dollar as a fee to the said commissioner for issuing said license may obtain a license for carrying on the business of an insurance broker, and