

and that it is entitled to continue or to commence business in this State, as the case may be.

1898, ch. 270, sec. 109 c.

139. Any person or any officer of such corporation who shall presume to act as agent or employe of any such foreign corporation or to open or continue an office for the transaction of the business of any such foreign corporation, before the provisions of section 137 have been fully complied with, and before said corporation shall have procured the aforesaid certificate from the secretary of State, shall forfeit and pay to the State of Maryland the sum of one hundred dollars for each and every day he may act as such agent or employe, or may occupy such office for the transaction of such business, and it shall be the duty of the State's attorney for the city or county in which such business is transacted, or is proposed to be transacted, to prosecute for and recover such penalty.

Ibid. sec. 109 d.

140. No such foreign corporation shall be permitted to maintain any action, either at law or in equity in the courts of this State until the provisions of section 137 shall have been complied with.

Ibid. sec. 109 e.

141. Upon the application of any person interested it shall be the duty of the secretary of State to furnish copies of such charters, certificates or acts or incorporation and sworn statements, for which he shall be entitled to demand and receive from the person so applying the usual fees for transcribing the same, and he shall account quarterly to the comptroller for the deposit fees received by him under the provisions of section 137, less the costs and expenses of recording the same.

Gas and Electric Light Companies.

1888, art. 23, sec. 110. 1868, ch. 471, sec. 93. 1876, ch. 349.

142. Any gaslight corporation, formed under this article, shall have full power to manufacture and sell, and to furnish such quantities of gas as may be required in any city, town or county of this State, in which, or adjoining which, the same may be located, for lighting the streets, roads, and public and private buildings, and for other purposes ; and such corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to lay conductors or pipes,