

CHAPTER 629.

AN ACT to add an additional section to Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Corporations," sub-title "Building or Homestead Associations," to follow Section 104, and to be known as 104 A.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That an additional section be added to section 104 ^{New section.} of Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Corporations," sub title "Building or Homestead Associations," to be known as section 104 A, and to read as follows :

104 A. And that no corporation incorporated under the laws of this State for any purpose whatsoever, nor any foreign corporation doing business in this State, shall offer to procure or act as agent for any person or persons in procuring or making any loan of money or other valuable thing on the security of any chattels, nor shall make any loan of money or of any other valuable thing on the security of any chattels or otherwise, except in its own proper corporate name and for its own behalf or benefit; and no such corporation making any such loan, as aforesaid, shall be entitled to charge any borrower of money from it, or shall take from any borrower from it, or other person, any other thing for or in the name of premium, or of compensation for renewing or continuing any such loan, as it may be authorized to lawfully make, other than lawful interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, for the term during which such loan shall be renewed or continued; and every security taken by any such corporation for any such loan as aforesaid, shall express plainly the period of time for which such loan is made, and the entire interest agreed to be paid for said loan for the term of such loan, which entire interest shall in no case nor by any means, be made to exceed the rate of six per centum per annum on the money or other thing loaned for the term of such loan; and any contract or security for any such loan, or providing for the renewal or continuance of any such loan, made in violation of this section, shall be absolutely null and void. And no person or persons in this State shall assume to deal or act as a corporation, or in any corporate name, or in any other than in his, her or their own proper name or names, in any of the matters or things prohibited by this section, under a penalty of not less than fifty dollars for every offence, to be recovered by indictment in any court

^{Loans to be made under corporate name only.}

^{Interest to be charged.}