

Real Estate Brokers.

695. Any person, copartnership or firm applying for the same, and paying the sum of money herein provided, may obtain a license for carrying on the business of real estate broker in the City of Baltimore; provided, that the names of each and every person comprising any copartnership or firm applying for such license shall be inserted in said license ; *provided*, that the sum of money to be paid therefor as aforesaid shall be twenty-five dollars for the first two names inserted in said license, and twenty-five dollars additional for each and every name above two inserted therein.

696. Any person, copartnership or firm who shall carry on the business of real estate broker, or shall undertake to act as such real estate broker by public advertisement, sign or otherwise, without such license first obtained, or who shall use or attempt to use the license of another with intent to evade the provisions of sections 695 to 699 of this Article, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be subject to and pay a fine or penalty of not less than two hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars for each offence; one-half thereof for the use of the State, and the other half thereof to the person or corporation that shall first prefer before the Grand Jury the charge against such offender; and any person, copartnership or firm who shall directly or indirectly act as real estate broker, or shall undertake the buying or selling of ground rents or other real estate, or of chattels real, or the leasing of real estate or chattels real, or the negotiation or sale of mortgage loans on real estate or chattels real, or the collection of rents for others, with a view to reward or compensation for such undertaking, shall be deemed to be carrying on the business of real estate broker within the meaning of said sections, and be subject to the fines or penalties herein prescribed.

697. If any person who has obtained such license shall die or shall move from and cease to use and exercise the business