

evidence documentary or otherwise, and no testimony so given, or produced, shall be received against him on any criminal investigation or procedure. Any person or corporation violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall forfeit to the people of this State the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each such violation.

Approved April 9, 1924.

CHAPTER 235.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 59 and Section 60 of Article 48-A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Insurance," sub-title "Agents and Brokers."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 59 and Section 60 of Article 48-A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Insurance," sub-title "Agents and Brokers," be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

Section 59. **AGENT AND SOLICITOR APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENTS.** It shall be unlawful for any insurance company to appoint an agent or solicitor in this State until and unless such agent or solicitor has complied with all laws of this State applicable to insurance agents or solicitors and is qualified as such. Any insurance company appointing an agent or solicitor in this State shall make application for authority for such appointment upon blanks prepared and prescribed by the Insurance Commissioner and in addition shall supply such other information under oath as the Insurance Commissioner may require; shall certify that any such agent or solicitor proposed to be appointed is qualified as such under the laws of this State; and such insurance company shall certify that to the best of the knowledge and belief of said Company such agent or solicitor is of good character and will prove efficient. Such appointment of an agent or solicitor shall be renewed annually and the fee provided therefor paid to the Insurance Commissioner for each calendar year or portion thereof. Having certified, as herein provided, to the qualification of an agent or solicitor, no insurance company shall be required to renew or repeat such certification unless in the discretion of the Insurance Commissioner it may be deemed necessary.