

amendments, Section 126 of said Article (being Section 100 in the 1947 Supplement), title "Insurance," sub-title "Fire Insurance," relating to the stamping of policies in authorized companies.

WHEREAS, the provisions of Section 124 are unnecessary and impose an unnecessary duty on all companies writing fire insurance policies; now therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 124 of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition—being Section 99 in the 1939 Edition) title "Insurance," sub-title "Fire Insurance," be and it is hereby repealed and that Section 126 of said Article (1951 Edition—being Section 100 in the 1947 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

126. (Penalties for Violation of Sections 121, 122 and 123 [and 124].) Any person who shall, with intent to avoid the payment of the tax on insurance in unauthorized companies as provided by Section 122 make a false affidavit, shall be guilty of perjury and shall be proceeded against and punished as provided by the statutes of this State in relation to the crime of perjury, and any policy of insurance obtained by means of such false affidavit shall be void, and the license or authority for such unauthorized insurance shall be cancelled by the Commissioner. The obtaining or possession of any policy of insurance issued by companies not authorized to do business in this State, without complying with the provisions of Sections 121, 122 and 123 [and 124], shall be a misdemeanor, and any person convicted thereof shall be subject to a fine not less than One Hundred Dollars or more than One Thousand Dollars, or imprisonment in the jail of Baltimore City or of the county of this State where such offense may be committed, for a period not less than one month or more than six months, in discretion of the court having jurisdiction. Any person who shall act as intermediary in any manner in procuring or delivering any policy of insurance in violation of any of said Sections 121, 122 and 123 [and 124], shall be subject to all the penalties of this section above enumerated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1952.

Approved March 28, 1952.