

association of individuals, may be incorporated for such purposes by the laws of any State, district or territory of the United States, or by the laws of any foreign kingdom, State or nation, without first obtaining a license therefor in the manner hereinafter prescribed.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That a license for the purpose of affecting insurance, or receiving or transmitting offers for insurance, or receiving or delivering policies of insurance, as expressed in the preceding section, shall be granted by the Comptroller of the State, to any person or persons, body or bodies corporate or politic, who shall apply therefor, and pay to the said Comptroller the sum of three hundred dollars for the use of this State, which license shall authorise the person or persons, body or bodies corporate or politic, to whom the same shall be granted, to effect insurances, or to receive and transmit offers for insurance, or to receive and deliver policies of insurance as aforesaid, from the day of its date, for the period of twelve months thereafter, and no longer.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That if any person or persons, body or bodies, corporate or politic, acting as agent or agents, as aforesaid, shall effect an insurance or insurances, or offer to effect an insurance or insurances, or receive and transmit an offer or offers for insurance, or receive or deliver a policy or policies of insurance, as aforesaid, or advertise or circulate any card, circular or notice, or open or keep any office for the transaction of said business, without a license first had and obtained, as hereinbefore provided, he, she or they shall forfeit and pay for each offence, the sum of five hundred dollars, one half to the use of the informer, who shall be a competent witness, the other half to be paid to the clerk of the Circuit Court for the county, or to the clerk of the Criminal Court of the city of Baltimore, as the case may be, for the use of this State, to be recovered in the name of the State of Maryland, by action of debt or indictment in the Circuit Court for the county, or in the Criminal Court for Baltimore city, where such offence shall have been committed, and to be accounted for and paid into the Treasury by the clerk receiving the same, at the period limited for accounting for and paying moneys received for license.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That the Comptroller shall annually publish in at least two newspapers, one of which shall be in the city of Baltimore, the names of such agent or agents so taking out licenses under this act, with the names of the companies they represent.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That nothing in this act contained, shall authorise any agent or agents to act as such for more than one foreign corporation, individual or association of individuals, by virtue of one license.