

(1979 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article 56 - Licenses

224.

(a) The Commission may upon its own motion and shall upon the verified complaint in writing of any person, provided such complaint, or such complaint together with evidence, documentary or otherwise, presented in connection therewith, shall make out a prima facie case, cause to be investigated the actions of any real estate broker or real estate salesman, or any person who shall assume to act in either such capacity within this State, and shall have the power to suspend or revoke any license issued under the provisions of this subtitle, or, in lieu of or in addition to any suspension or revocation, impose a penalty of up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per violation upon any licensee at any time where the licensee has by false or fraudulent representation obtained a license, or where the licensee in performing or attempting to perform any of the acts mentioned herein, is deemed to be guilty of:

(1) ~~Soliciting~~ KNOWINGLY SOLICITING [or inducing] any party to [a] AN EXISTING EXCLUSIVE LISTING contract-- WITH ANOTHER LICENSEE OR SOLICITING ANY PARTY TO AN EXISTING SALES CONTRACT, lease, or agreement --to break such contract-- WITH NEGOTIATED BY ANOTHER LICENSEE for the purpose of substituting in lieu thereof a new contract, --lease LEASE, or agreement [where such soliciting or inducing is motivated by anticipated personal gain by the licensee,] or

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved May 20, 1982.

CHAPTER 276

(Senate Bill 478)

AN ACT concerning

Fire Departments - Fires, Service-Calls, and Emergencies