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An. Code, 1924, sec. 163. 1912, sec. 125. 1904, sec. 123. 1888, sec. 106. 1872, ch. 355. 1874, ch. 370, sec. 8.

137. If any telegraph company, person, firm, partnership, association, or corporation shall do the business of telegraphing for profit or hire within this State or shall open any office or offices for the transaction of such business, or if any express or transportation company, or any person, firm, partnership, association or corporation shall do the business of transporting or forwarding any article of trade or traffic for profit or hire within this State or shall open any office or offices for the transaction of such business without having first obtained a license to transact such business as aforesaid, the company, person, firm, partnership, association or corporation so offending shall be subject to a penalty of one thousand dollars to be recovered by suit in the name of the State of Maryland in any court in this State having jurisdiction over said claims; and one-half of said penalty when recovered shall be paid into the treasury of the State and the other half of the said penalty shall be paid to the informer.

For abolition of informer's fees, see art. 38, sec. 3.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 164. 1912, sec. 126. 1904, sec. 124. 1888, sec. 107. 1872, ch. 355. 1874, ch. 370, sec. 9.

138. Any person acting as agent for any telegraph company or express or transportation company, firm, partnership, association or corporation, in violation of the preceding section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to indictment therefor, and on conviction in any court having jurisdiction shall be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 165. 1912, sec. 127. 1904, sec. 125. 1888, sec. 108. 1872, ch. 355. 1874, ch. 370, sec. 10.

139. Any telegraph company, express or transportation company, person, firm, partnership, association or corporation proposing to do the business of telegraphing for profit or hire within the limits of any single county in this State or within the limits of the city of Baltimore, or proposing to do the business of transporting or forwarding for profit or hire within the limits of any single county in this State or within the limits of the city of Baltimore any article of trade or traffic or any package or parcel of goods of any sort shall pay to the clerk of the circuit court for the county in which said business is proposed to be done, or to the clerk of the court of common pleas of Baltimore City if the said business is proposed to be done in said city, the sum of twelve dollars for a license to do said business for one year, or a proportionate part of said sum for any fractional part of a year not less than one month, and all licenses so issued shall be made to expire on the first day of May next succeeding the date of their issue.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 166. 1912, sec. 128. 1904, sec. 126. 1888, sec. 109. 1872, ch. 355. 1874, ch. 370, sec. 11.

140. Any person offending in any way by violating the provisions of the preceding section, either as agent or otherwise, shall be liable to a prosecution therefor and upon indictment and conviction thereof in any