

upon conviction thereof, the offender or offenders, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of five hundred dollars on each and every violation, when the amount of the insurance is twenty-five thousand dollars or less; and for every additional twenty-five thousand dollars of insurance or less, there shall be an additional penalty of five hundred dollars, and such offender or offenders shall be prohibited from doing insurance business in the State of Maryland until said fine is paid, or the said fine or penalty may be sued for and recovered in the name of the State of Maryland by the State's attorney of the county or city in which such agent or agents may reside or in which the offense is committed; one-half of said penalty, when recovered, shall be paid into the treasury of the State, the other half to the informer of such violation.

1868, art. 23, sec 120. 1868, ch 471, sec. 104.

157. Any corporation formed under this article may insure the property, real, personal or mixed, which any married woman may own jointly or in severalty, in the same manner as if she were a *feme sole*; and any guardian may, with the assent of the orphans' court by which he shall have been appointed, insure in any company formed under this article, any property which the ward or wards of such guardian may own, either jointly or in severalty, and such insurance shall have the same effect in all respects as if the minor whose property is thus insured were of full age, and had made such insurance himself.

Insurance Department.

Ibid sec. 121. 1860, art. 56, sec. 27 1858, ch 432, sec. 1. 1872, ch. 388
1874, ch. 400. 1876, ch. 248. 1878, ch. 106. 1900, ch. 700.

158. There shall be a distinct department, to be known as the insurance department, the office for which shall be in the city of Baltimore, which shall be charged with the execution of the laws of this State in relation to insurance, the chief officer of which shall be appointed by the governor, treasurer and comptroller for the term of four years, and shall be known as the insurance commissioner, and shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars, payable only out of the fees of said department authorized by this article, and shall hold office during the term for which he is appointed, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed by the governor, treasurer and comptroller; and the said insur-