

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

of one thousand dollars upon conviction thereof, to any person who will sue for the same, one half to his own use, and the other half to the use of the state.

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10. *And be it enacted*, That no part of the capital furnished by special partners, or profits made to them by said partnership, shall be withdrawn, either in the shape of dividends, purchase or otherwise, at any time within the period during which the partnership shall be continued, nor until the debts of said partnership shall have been paid, nor shall any special partner under any circumstances, be considered or allowed to claim as a creditor, in case of the insolvency or bankruptcy of the partnership.

Dividends and claims prohibited.

11. *And be it enacted*, That the registry required by this act, shall not be made by the clerk of the county, or be considered valid, unless all the parties general and special associated together in every such partnership, shall make and sign a certificate or declaration before one of the judges of the judicial districts of this state, in which the principal business of the co-partnership shall be carried on, containing the statements required by the fifth and sixth sections of this act, which shall be filed on the records in the said clerks office, and an exemplification of said certificate shall be evidence of the matters therein contained in all courts and places whatsoever.

Certificate required.

12. *And be it enacted*, That no general partner shall be permitted to withdraw from the funds or effects of said partnership, more than his proper and declared amount of profits, which shall be semi-annually ascertained and certified on the books of the concern, by all the partners.

Permission to withdraw.

13. *And be it enacted*, That suits to be brought by any partnership to be formed under this act, shall be in the name or names of the general partners only, and suits against such partnership shall be brought against the general partners only, except in cases where special partners shall be rendered liable as general partners, in which case, suits may be brought against such special partners, together with the general partners.

Suits to be brought.

14. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of such partners to publish the terms of such partnership so registered, for at least six weeks after such registry in one or more of the papers published within the county, in which their business shall be carried on, and that the clerk of the county court in which such registries shall be made, shall be entitled for every registry by this act, to such sum as they are entitled to for other records.

Notice required, compensation to clerk

15. *And be it enacted*, That every partnership or firm that shall be established in virtue of this act shall annually take out a license from the clerk of the county court of the county in which such partnership shall be formed and for which they shall pay a tax to the use of the state at the time of obtaining the same from said clerk at the rate of one half of one per centum on the capital furnished by the special partners to said partnership.

License and state tax.