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## CHAPTER 33

## CHAMPERTY

Sec.

801. Corrupt agreements by attorneys and others.

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Whoever loans, advances or promises to loan or advance any money, gives or promises to give day of payment on any demand left with him for collection, gives or promises any valuable consideration, becomes liable in any manner for the payment of anything, becomes surety for another for such payment, or requests, advises or procures another person to become responsible or surety as aforesaid, with intent thereby to procure any account, note or other demand for the profit arising from its collection by a civil action, or brings, prosecutes or defends, or agrees to bring, prosecute or defend any civil action upon shares, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$20 nor more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months. This section shall include in its application all persons, corporations or associations of whatever form or design operating or in any manner engaging in the business of collecting for others claims, demands or accounts of any nature. No such person, corporation or association shall, under the penalties provided, in any manner or form solicit or receive, or acquire by any transfer, assignment or other arrangement made with the intent or for the purpose of evading this section, any such claims, demands or accounts for collection by legal process in this State; or, having solicited or received such claims, demands or accounts for collection without legal process, shall subsequently prosecute or arrange for the prosecution thereof by legal process in this State by or through any attorney at law.

R.S.1954, c. 135, § 18; 1961, c. 317, § 463.