

**58-2256. Failure to return to owners certain instruments pertaining to real estate; demand.** When any person, firm, partnership, corporation or association shall have in his, her or its possession any deed, real estate mortgage, or other instrument pertaining to real estate, which said deed, real estate mortgage or other instrument is the property of another and to which said deed, real estate mortgage or other instrument the owner is entitled to possession, it shall be the duty of such person, firm, partnership, corporation or association having such possession to return said instrument to the owner.

In the event of failure of such holder to return such instrument when the owner, or his or her lawful agent, may demand of such holder the possession of such instrument by written demand by registered letter sent to the holder's last known address: *Provided further*, The provisions of this act shall not apply to any instrument which is deposited with a person, firm, partnership, corporation or association under an escrow agreement.

**History:** L. 1941, ch. 282, § 1; June 30.