- (b) Issue subpoceas to any person, administer an oath or affirmation to any person, conduct hearings in aid of any investigation or inquiry, prescribe such forms and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary.
- (c) Examine under oath any person in connection with the sale, offering, or advertisement of any merchandise or service; and
- (d) Examine any merchandise or sample thereof or the results of any service or examine any records, books, documents, accounts or papers as he may deem necessary.

## 23. 22.

- (a) If any person fails or refuses to file any statement or report, or obey any subposens issued by the Attorney General, the Attorney General may, after notice, apply to a Circuit Court and, after hearing thereon, request an order: ADJUDGING SUCH PERSON IN CONTEMPT OF COURT:
- (1) Granting injunctive relief, restraining the sale or advertisement of any merchandise by such persons:
- (2) Vacating, annulling, or suspending the corporate charter of a corporation created by or under the laws of this State or revoking or suspending the certificate of authority to do business in this State of a foreign corporation or revoking or suspending any other licenses, permits or certificates issued pursuant to law to such person which are used to further the allegedly unlawful practice; and
- (3) Granting such other relief as may be required; until the person files the statement or report, or obeys the subpoena.
- (b) Whenever it appears to the Attorney General that a person has engaged in, is engaging in or is about to engage in (A) IF A PERSON HAS ENGAGED IN OR IS ENGAGING IN any practice declared to be unlawful by this Act he THE ATTORNEY GENERAL may seek and obtain in an action in a Circuit Court an injunction prohibiting such person from continuing such practices or engaging therein or doing any acts in furtherance thereof after appropriate notice to such person. Such notice shall state generally the relief sought and be served at least 3 SEVEN days prior to the institution of such action. The court may make such orders or judgments as may be necessary to prevent the use or employment by a person of any prohibited practices, or which may be necessary to restore to any person in interest any moneys or property, real or personal which may have been acquired by means of any practice in this Act declared to be unlawful including the appointment of a receiver in cases of substantial and willful violation of the provisions of this Act.
- (e) (B) In addition to the actions enumerated in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, any person violating the provisions of this subtitle shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not more than five hundred (\$500) ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000) dollars or imprisonment of not more than one year or both, at the discretion of the court.

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(A) When a receiver is appointed by the court pursuant to this subtitle, he shall have the power to sue for, collect, receive and take