

ments, membership certificates and trustees certificates, or other securities within the State of Maryland, any person, partnership or corporation is employing or is about to employ any device, scheme or artifice to defraud, or for obtaining money or property by means of any false or fraudulent pretense, representation or promise, issue and cause to be served upon such person, partnership or corporation an order requiring the party guilty thereof to cease and desist therefrom. If it shall appear to the Attorney General that an irreparable public injury is imminent, unless such order is issued before a full investigation can be made pending such investigation, he may issue such order, but the same shall be accompanied with a request for information as to the facts relied on in issuing the order, and such temporary order shall only remain in force until such information is furnished and two days thereafter. Orders of the Attorney General under this section may be served by any one duly authorized by the Attorney General either (a) by delivering a copy thereof to the person to be served; or to a member of the partnership to be served, or to the president, vice-president, secretary or other executive officer or director of the corporation to be served; or (b) by leaving a copy thereof at the principal office or place of business of such person, partnership or corporation; or (c) by registering and mailing a copy thereof, addressed to such person, partnership or corporation at his or its principal office or place of business. A verified return by the person so serving said order, setting forth the manner of said service, shall be prima facie proof of the same, and the return post office receipt for said order registered and mailed as aforesaid shall be prima facie proof of the service of the same, as aforesaid.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 14. 1920, ch. 552, sec. 14. 1931, ch. 271, sec. 14

14. Any person, partnership or corporation, having been served with any order of the Attorney General under Section 12 of this Article, or having knowledge of the issuance of said order and while said order remains in effect, either as originally issued or as modified, who or which shall execute or carry on in any manner any scheme or device against which said order has been issued, or wilfully attempts so to do, or shall sell or deliver or receive payment in money or property for any paper, certificate or instrument purporting to be or represent any interest in or order for stocks, bonds, notes, shares, profit sharing agreements, service agreements, membership certificates and trustees certificates, or other securities mentioned in said order of the Attorney General, or shall publish or cause to be published any advertisement of any such stocks, bonds, notes, shares, profit sharing agreements, service agreements, membership certificates and trustees certificates, or other securities pursuant to said scheme or device against which said order has been issued, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or imprisoned not more than two years, or be subject to both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Secs. 11-14 not repugnant to art. 27, sec. 170. State v. Coblentz, 167 Md. 528.