

do anything required of it by law, or by order of the commission, or is doing anything, or about to do anything, or permitting anything or about to permit anything to be done, contrary to or in violation of law or of any order of this commission, it shall direct the general counsel to the commission to commence an action or proceeding before one of the judges of the supreme bench of Baltimore City or in the circuit court of the county in which such corporation has its principal place of business, or carries on its business in the name of the commission, for the purpose of having such violations or threatened violations stopped and prevented, either by mandamus or injunction. Counsel to the commission shall thereupon begin such action or proceeding by a petition to and in any of the said courts, as the case may require, alleging the violation or threatened violation complained of, and praying for appropriate relief by way of mandamus or injunction. It shall thereupon be the duty of the court to specify the time not exceeding twenty days after service of the petition, within which the common carrier, railroad corporation or street railroad corporation complained of must answer the petition. In case of default in answer, or after answer, the court shall immediately inquire into the facts and circumstances in such manner as the court may direct, without other or formal pleadings, and without respect to any technical requirement. Such other persons or corporations as the court shall deem necessary or proper to join as parties in order to make its order, judgment or writs effective, may be joined as parties upon application of counsel to the commission. The final judgment in any such action or proceeding shall either dismiss the action or proceedings or direct that a writ of mandamus or an injunction issue, as prayed for in the petition or in such modified or other forms as the court may determine will afford the appropriate relief.

Any corporation, other than a common carrier, which shall violate any provision of this sub-title, or shall fail to obey, observe and comply with every order made by the commission under authority of this sub-title, so long as the same shall be and remain in force, shall forfeit to the State of Maryland a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars for each and every offense; every such violation shall be a separate and distinct offense, and the penalty or forfeiture thereof shall be recovered in an action as provided in this section.

Every person who, either individually or acting as an officer or agent of a corporation or person, other than a common carrier, railroad corporation or street railroad corporation, shall violate any provision of this sub-title, or fail to obey, observe or comply with any order made by the commission under this sub-title, so long as the same shall be or remain in force, or who shall procure or aid or abet any such corporation or person in a violation of this sub-title, or in a failure to obey, observe or comply with any such order, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

In construing and enforcing the provision of this sub-title relating to forfeitures and penalties, the act of any director, officer or other person acting for or employed by any common carrier, railroad corporation, street railroad corporation or other corporation subject to this sub-title, acting within the scope of his official duties or employment, shall be in every case and be deemed to be the act of such common carrier or corporation or person.

An action to recover a penalty or a forfeiture under this sub-title may be brought in any court of competent jurisdiction in this State in the name of the State of Maryland, and shall be commenced and prosecuted to final