

restraining the continuance of any method of competition, act or practice which it finds, notwithstanding such report of the Commissioner, constitutes a violation of this Act.

268. (Appeals.) An appeal may be taken from the decision of the Circuit Court of any county or the Circuit Court or the Circuit Court Number 2 of Baltimore City to the Court of Appeals by any party to any proceeding under this Act in the same manner as other appeals are taken from decrees or orders of said courts. An appeal shall act as a stay.

269. (Penalty.) Any person who violates a cease and desist order of the Commissioner under Section 264, after it has become final, and while such order is in effect, shall upon proof thereof to the satisfaction of the Court, forfeit and pay to the State of Maryland a sum not to exceed Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), which may be recovered in a civil action, except that, if such violation is found to be willful, the amount of such penalty shall be a sum not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

270. (Provisions of Act Additional to Existing Law.) The powers vested in the Commissioner by this Act shall be additional to any other powers to enforce any penalties, fines or forfeitures authorized by law with respect to the methods, acts and practices hereby declared to be unfair or deceptive.

271. (Immunity from Prosecution.) If any person shall ask to be excused from attending and testifying or from producing any books, papers, records, correspondence or other documents at any hearing on the ground that the testimony or evidence required of him may tend to incriminate him or subject him to a penalty or forfeiture, and shall notwithstanding be directed to give such testimony or produce such evidence, he must none the less comply with such direction, but he shall not thereafter be prosecuted or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter or thing concerning which he may testify or produce evidence pursuant thereto, and no testimony so given or evidence produced shall be received against him upon any criminal action, investigation or proceeding, provided, however, that no such individual so testifying shall be exempt from prosecution or punishment for any perjury committed by him while so testifying and the testimony or evidence so given or produced shall be admissible against him upon any criminal action, investigation or proceeding concerning such perjury, nor shall he be exempt from the refusal, revocation or suspension of any license, permission or authority conferred,