

41. Whenever any person shall feel himself aggrieved by any rule, regulation or order of the Commission, he shall have a right to file a sworn petition with the Commission setting forth the grounds and reasons for his complaint and asking for a hearing of the matter involved. The Commission shall thereupon fix the time and place for such hearing and shall notify the petitioner thereof. At such hearing, the petitioner and any other interested parties may appear, present witnesses and submit evidence. The Chairman of the Commission or any member thereof shall have the power to administer oaths to all witnesses who appear before said Commission at such hearings. For the purpose of all hearings and inquiries which they are authorized to make or hold, the Chairman of the Commission or any member thereof may issue summons for witnesses, and all summons so issued shall be served by the Sheriff of Baltimore City or by the Sheriff of the particular county. If any witness so summoned shall refuse to testify, the official issuing the summons shall report the facts to the Baltimore City Court or the Circuit Court of the particular county, as the case may be, and said Court is hereby authorized and directed to proceed by attachment against said witness in all respects as if said neglect or refusal had been by a witness summoned to appear in said Court in a case pending before it. At the hearing, the person charged shall be entitled to be represented by counsel. Any person aggrieved by any rule, regulation or order of the Commission shall have the right to apply for review thereof to the Circuit Court sitting in equity, of the county or to the Circuit Court or the Circuit Court No. 2 of Baltimore City, as the case may be, wherein is situated the establishment affected thereby, on the grounds that such rule, regulation or order is impracticable of attainment or unlawful. Such application shall be by petition which shall be filed in the clerk's office of such court within [sixty (60)]*thirty (30)* days after the date of the rule, regulation or order complained of. The Commission shall be named as a party defendant to such petition. Within fifteen (15) days after such petition is so filed, the petitioner shall serve on the Director or any member of the Commission a copy of the petition, and within fifteen (15) days thereafter the answer of the Commission shall be filed, whereupon such cause shall be to issue and stand ready for hearing upon fifteen (15) days' notice to either party. The filing of such application shall operate to suspend the rule, regulation or order complained of until the validity of such rule, regulation or order shall have been finally adjudicated. The said court shall hear the proceeding de novo, shall thereupon determine in writing all matters of law and fact, and render its decision approving, setting aside or modifying the rule, regulation or order complained of and the clerk of said court shall certify the same to the Commission. The Commission or any party aggrieved by any such final decision of the court shall have, regardless of the amount involved, the right of appeal to the Court of Appeals of Maryland. The procedure shall be the same as that provided by law concerning appeals in civil cases and such appeals shall have precedence over all cases except criminal cases.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.

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