

(g) Charge any applicant a registration fee or collect in advance from any applicant for employment any payment for service to be rendered to such applicant in obtaining employment, or

(h) Publish or cause to be published any false, fraudulent or misleading information, representation, promise, notice or advertisement, or

(i) Induce or attempt to induce any employee to terminate his employment in order to obtain other employment through such agency; or procure or attempt to procure the discharge of any person from his employment, or

(j) Engage in any other conduct, whether of the same or a different nature than specified in this section, which constitutes fraud or dishonest dealing.

168.

The Commissioner of Labor and Industry or his duly designated representative is hereby authorized and empowered to investigate the manner in which all employment agencies doing business within the State conduct such business, and to examine at any time during business hours any and all books and records of such employment agencies, to the end that all such employment agencies shall comply with the provisions of this subtitle and with any rules and regulations made and published by the said Commissioner. The said Commissioner may further investigate all matters which may aid in the enforcement of this subtitle.

169.

(a) The Commissioner of Labor and Industry, or his duly designated representative, shall, upon written complaint made by an applicant against an employment agency, seek to mediate the dispute if, in his discretion, it is necessary to do so. The said Commissioner is authorized, following hearing, to revoke or suspend for such period as he shall think proper the license of any employment agency violating any of the provisions of this Act. SUBTITLE.

(b) With respect to the subject of any investigation or hearing conducted by him, the Commissioner, or his duly designated representative, may subpoena witnesses and administer oaths or affirmations and examine any individual under oath, and may require and compel the production of records, books, papers, contracts, and other documents. Subpoenas of witnesses shall be served by the sheriff in the same manner as if issued from a circuit court.

(c) If any individual fails to obey a subpoena lawfully served, the Commissioner shall forthwith report such disobedience, together with a copy of the subpoena and proof of service thereof, to the Baltimore City court or the circuit court of the county in which the individual was required to appear, and such court if it shall find that such failure was without justification shall forthwith cause such individual to be produced and may impose penalties as though he had disobeyed a subpoena issued out of such court. Any person wilfully testifying falsely under oath as to any matter material to any such investigation or hearing, shall upon conviction thereof be guilty of perjury and shall be punished accordingly.