

*The Court, in hearing said case shall be governed by the judicial review standards as set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act, Sections 255-256 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.*  
**, EXCEPT THAT ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE IF OTHERWISE ADMISSIBLE UNDER THE LAW OF EVIDENCE, MAY BE PRESENTED TO THE COURT WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF AN APPLICATION OR WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF SHOWING REASONS FOR THE FAILURE TO PRESENT IT AT THE HEARING BEFORE THE COMMISSION.**

**[(e)] (b)** Any person (including one acting for or on behalf of a firm, association, or corporation) is guilty of a misdemeanor if

(1) He has claimed to be aggrieved under the provisions of this subtitle; and

(2) He has pursued the complaint under Sections 14 and 15 of this subtitle, or either of these sections; and

(3) **THE COMMISSION HAS FOUND THE COMPLAINT TO BE UNFOUNDED OR HAS DISMISSED IT WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION AGAINST THE RESPONDENT; AND**

**[(3)] (4)** The **[Commission For] and the** court has found the complaint to have been made maliciously; and

**[(4)** The Commission **For] and** the court has found the complaint to be unfounded or has dismissed it without further action against the respondent.]

Upon conviction thereof in the appropriate criminal court, he is subject to a fine of **[from twenty-five to] NOT MORE THAN** five hundred dollars, or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year, or to both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

This subsection shall not be construed or applied to deny **[or abridge]** the right of a respondent to bring any civil action against one who has filed a complaint under this subtitle.

*The activities of all members of the Commission, and employees thereof shall be conducted in confidence and without publicity, and the Commission and its employees shall hold confidential any information acquired in the performance of its duties. Any member of the Commission or employee thereof, who shall make public in any manner whatsoever, any of said information shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than one (1) year or both.*

16.

**DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS, AND UNTIL SAID MATTERS REACH THE STAGE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS, THE ACTIVITIES OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND EMPLOYEES THEREOF IN CONNECTION WITH SAID INVESTIGATION SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN CONFIDENCE AND WITHOUT PUBLICITY, AND THE COMMISSION AND ITS EMPLOYEES SHALL HOLD CONFIDENTIAL ANY INFORMATION IN RELATION THERETO. ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION OR EMPLOYEE THEREOF,**