

(b) *Violation of this section is a misdemeanor.*

*Part V—Suspension and Revocation of Dealers' and Salesmen's Licenses.*

§ 5-501. *When dealer's or salesman's license shall be refused, suspended, or revoked.*

*The department may refuse, suspend, or revoke any license issued under the provisions of this subtitle if the department finds that the licensee is violating any provision of this Article or is performing or attempting to perform any act prohibited by this article. Any violation of any provisions of this article upon the part of any owner, officer, manager, partner, salesman, agent, or employee of a dealership shall be cause for suspension or revocation of the license of said dealer, unless it shall appear to the satisfaction of the department that the individuals engaged in the management of the dealership (i) had no knowledge of the wrongful conduct or (ii) were unable to prevent the violation.*

§ 5-502. *Hearing required prior to suspension or revocation of dealer's or salesman's license.*

*The department shall suspend or revoke any license issued under this subtitle or authority to do business only after a hearing. At least 10 days prior to the date set for the hearing, the department shall notify the licensee in writing of any charge made and afford the licensee an opportunity to be heard in person and by counsel in reference thereto. The written notice shall be served by delivery to the licensee by registered mail to the business address of the licensee of record with the department. The hearing on the charges shall be at such time and place as the department shall prescribe. The department may subpoena and bring before it any person or documents, and take the testimony of any person under oath in the same manner as is prescribed in judicial procedure in the courts of this State in civil cases, with the same fees and mileage as may be provided by law in civil cases.*

§ 5-503. *Penalty for licensee's violations.*

*If the department determines that any licensee is guilty of any violation of any of the provisions of this article, the authority of the licensee to do business may be revoked or suspended for such period of time determined by the department.*

§ 5-504. *Applicant for license may request hearing if license refused.*

*If any application for a license under this subtitle is refused, the applicant, within 10 days from the date of notice of refusal is mailed, may request a hearing. The said hearing must be held within 30 days of the date of request, and the department must render a decision within 20 days following the hearing. The department may subpoena and take testimony, as provided in section 5-502, in connection with the hearing.*