

COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

the State of Maryland as provided by State law. All owners or agents shall certify to the Commission the name, address and telephone number of an agent who shall reside in Maryland and be qualified to accept service of process on behalf of the owner.

93A-17. Penalty for failure to license or to comply with Commission orders or summons.

(a) Any person who conducts or operates, attempts to conduct or operate, or permits the conduct or operation of a rental facility owned by him without first having obtained or applied for the license herein prescribed, or after a license has been revoked or suspended or refused, or fails to comply with any Commission order or summons issued pursuant to this Article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and costs. Fines imposed hereunder may be collected or enforced through civil attachment proceedings. Each day that a person conducts or operates, attempts to conduct or permits the conduct or operation of a rental facility owned by him in violation of this Chapter, or fails to comply with any Commission order or summons shall constitute a separate offense hereunder, except that where said person makes a bona fide effort to comply with this Chapter no penalty shall lie for that period of time when the person is making a bona fide effort to so comply. Provided further, that where any person chooses to cease the conduction or operation of a rental facility, no penalty will lie during the sixty (60) day period that tenants have to vacate the facility as specified in Section 93A-24(b) of this Chapter.

(b) In addition to any criminal or other penalty herein provided, injunctive or other appropriate action or proceeding to correct any violation of this Article may be instituted by the County Attorney's Office pursuant to the provisions of Section 93A-5 of this Chapter, and any court of competent jurisdiction may issue restraining orders, temporary or permanent injunctions or other appropriate forms of relief.

93A-18. Licensing procedures.

(a) Within twenty (20) days after the effective date of this Chapter, the landlord of every existing rental facility in Montgomery County shall make application to the Office of Landlord-Tenant Affairs for a license on a form to be furnished by the Office. Upon receipt of a complete and executed application from the landlord of an existing rental facility, accompanied by the required fee, the Executive Director shall issue a