

mandatory injunction, ordering the violator to take actions that will cure the violation. The Attorney General shall give the alleged violator notice of his determination and intention to file a petition at least 15 days prior to filing the petition. If the complaint is from a source other than the Maryland Public Disclosure Board, the Attorney General shall, prior to taking action under this section, determine whether the Board has previously rendered an advisory opinion with respect to the subject matter of the complaint.

(2) The equity jurisdiction of the various circuit courts includes jurisdiction to issue mandatory injunctions necessary to compel compliance with the provisions of this subtitle, and these injunctions are enforceable by contempt proceedings in accordance with the laws and Maryland Rules relating to contempt.

(3) The State Comptroller, upon the issuance of any mandatory injunction against a person subject to this subtitle who receives a salary or other compensation from the State, shall suspend payment of any salary or other compensation to that person pending full compliance with the terms of the injunction.

(4) The Attorney General may not institute any action for an injunction if prior to or within 15 days of the receipt of the Attorney General's notice, the person alleged to be in violation sought an advisory opinion from the Maryland Public Disclosure Board with respect to the matter and, thereafter, within 30 days of the issuance of the Board's opinion, complied in full therewith.

(b) Penalties; liberal construction. —(1) Any person who knowingly and wilfully violates the requirements of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. If the person is a business entity and not a natural person, each officer and partner of the business entity who knowingly authorized or participated in the violation is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, is subject to the same penalties as the business entity.

(2) This subtitle shall be liberally construed to require full disclosure.]

[14. Provisions not in substitution for other acts or prohibitions.

Nothing herein shall be interpreted as being in substitution for any criminal, legal, or judicial act or prohibition set forth in the law of Maryland.]

[14A. Automatic expiration of §§ 5 to 14A.