

~~(2)--UPON NOTICE AND HEARING AS PROVIDED--IN--THE MARYLAND--RULES--OF--PROCEDURE ACT AND IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT, FINE ANY FRANCHISOR OR OFFEROR \$500 FOR--EACH VIOLATION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE,~~

(3) (2) BRING AN ACTION IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND IN THE CIRCUIT COURT TO ENJOIN THE ACTS OR PRACTICES OR TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS LAW OR ANY RULE OR ORDER UNDER IT. IN SUCH PROCEEDING, THE COURT SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER A VIOLATION HAS BEEN COMMITTED, AND SHALL ENTER JUDGMENT OR DECREE AS IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO REMOVE THE EFFECTS OF ANY VIOLATION AND TO PREVENT THE VIOLATION FROM CONTINUING OR FROM BEING RENEWED IN THE FUTURE. THE COURT MAY EXERCISE ALL EQUITABLE POWERS NECESSARY FOR THIS PURPOSE, INCLUDING: INJUNCTION, REVOCATION, FORFEITURE, OR SUSPENSION OF THE CHARTER, CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY, OR PRIVILEGES OF ANY CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, OR OTHER BUSINESS ORGANIZATION OPERATING UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE, DISSOLUTION OF DOMESTIC CORPORATIONS OR ASSOCIATIONS, SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF THE RIGHT OF FOREIGN CORPORATIONS OR ASSOCIATIONS TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE, RESTITUTION, PAYMENT OF DAMAGES BY A FRANCHISOR OR SUBFRANCHISOR TO PERSONS INJURED BY VIOLATIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, RESTRAINING ORDER, WRIT OF MANDATE, AND APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER OR CONSERVATOR. THE COURT MAY NOT REQUIRE THE COMMISSIONER TO POST A BOND.

(B) THE COMMISSIONER MAY NOT EXERCISE ANY OF THE POWERS CONFERRED BY THIS SECTION MORE THAN 3 YEARS AFTER THE OCCURRENCE OF THE VIOLATION.

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If the Commissioner decides the offer of any franchise is subject to registration under this law and it is being, or it has been, offered for sale without first being registered, he may order the franchisor or offeror of the franchise to desist and refrain from the further offer or sale of the franchise unless and until the offer is registered. If, after issuance of the order, a request for a hearing is filed in writing by the person to whom the order is directed, a hearing shall be held. Unless the hearing is commenced within 15 business days after the request is made, or the person affected consents to a later date, the order is rescinded.]

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(A) THE COMMISSIONER MAY:

(1) MAKE AND ENFORCE SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS ARE REASONABLY NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE. THE COMMISSIONER MAY, IN HIS DISCRETION, HONOR REQUESTS FOR INTERPRETIVE OPINIONS.

(2) MAKE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS WITHIN OR OUTSIDE OF THIS STATE AS HE CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO: