

(I) DETERMINE WHETHER ANY PERSON HAS VIOLATED ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE OR ANY RULE, REGULATION, OR ORDER UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; OR

(II) AID IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS SUBTITLE OR IN THE PRESCRIBING OF RULES AND FORMS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(3) REQUIRE OR PERMIT ANY PERSON TO FILE A STATEMENT IN WRITING UNDER OATH OR OTHERWISE AS THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES, AS TO ALL THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES CONCERNING THE MATTER TO BE INVESTIGATED; AND

(4) PUBLISH INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ANY INVESTIGATION OR PROCEEDING UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSIONER OR ANY OFFICER DESIGNATED BY HIM MAY ADMINISTER OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS, SUBPOENA WITNESSES, COMPEL THEIR ATTENDANCE, TAKE EVIDENCE, AND REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF ANY BOOKS, PAPERS, CORRESPONDENCE, MEMORANDA, AGREEMENTS, OR OTHER DOCUMENTS OR RECORDS WHICH THE COMMISSIONER CONSIDERS RELEVANT OR MATERIAL TO THE INQUIRY.

(1) IN CASE OF CONTUMACY OR REFUSAL TO OBEY A SUBPOENA ISSUED TO ANY PERSON, THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE PERSON RESIDES OR TRANSACTS BUSINESS, ON APPLICATION BY THE COMMISSIONER, MAY ISSUE TO THE PERSON AN ORDER REQUIRING HIM TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE IF SO ORDERED OR TO GIVE EVIDENCE TOUCHING THE MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION OR IN QUESTION.

(2) FAILURE TO OBEY THE ORDER OF THE COURT MAY BE PUNISHED BY THE COURT AS A CONTEMPT OF COURT.

(C) A PERSON IS NOT EXCUSED FROM ATTENDING, TESTIFYING, OR FROM PRODUCING ANY DOCUMENT OR RECORD BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER, OR IN OBEDIENCE TO THE SUBPOENA OF THE COMMISSIONER OR ANY OFFICER DESIGNATED BY HIM, OR IN ANY PROCEEDING INSTITUTED BY THE COMMISSIONER, ON THE GROUND THAT THE TESTIMONY OR EVIDENCE, DOCUMENTARY OR OTHERWISE, REQUIRED OF HIM MAY TEND TO INCRIMINATE HIM OR SUBJECT HIM TO A PENALTY OR FORFEITURE. HOWEVER, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BE PROSECUTED OR SUBJECTED TO ANY PENALTY OR FORFEITURE FOR OR ON ACCOUNT OF ANY TRANSACTION, MATTER, OR THING CONCERNING WHICH HE IS COMPELLED, AFTER CLAIMING HIS PRIVILEGE AGAINST SELF-INCRIMINATION, TO TESTIFY OR PRODUCE EVIDENCE, DOCUMENTARY OR OTHERWISE, EXCEPT THAT THE INDIVIDUAL TESTIFYING IS NOT EXEMPT FROM PROSECUTION AND PUNISHMENT OR CONTEMPT COMMITTED IN TESTIFYING.

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If the Commissioner decides the offer of any franchise exempt from registration is being, or has been, offered for