

The Commission may file a petition for injunctive or other relief in the circuit court of the county, or in the Baltimore City Court, as the case may be, having proper venue for the purpose of requiring compliance with its order or the relief authorized in this title.

(1) In addition, the court can issue an order to cease and desist from the violation, and can void an official action taken by an official or employee with a conflict of interest prohibited by this article when the action arose from or concerned the subject matter of the conflict and if the legal action was brought within 90 days of the occurrence of the official action, if the court deems voiding the action to be in the best interest of the public. The court may also impose a fine of up to \$1,000 for any violation of the provisions of this article. Each day upon which the violation occurs constitutes a separate offense.

(2) The court, after hearing and considering all the circumstances in the case, may grant all or part of the relief sought. However, the court may not void any official action appropriating public funds, levying taxes, or providing for the issuance of bonds, notes, or other evidences of public obligation.

#### 7-102. Violations of Title 5.

(a) Any person who knowingly and willfully violates the provisions of Title 5 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 1 year, or both.

(b) 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.

#### 7-103. Termination or other disciplinary action; suspension of compensation.

In addition to any other enforcement provisions in this article, a person who is subject to the provisions of this article and who is found by the Commission or a court to have violated its provisions is:

(1) In the case of a public official or employee, subject to termination or other disciplinary action as may be warranted; and

(2) In the case of a public official or employee who receives a salary or other compensation is suspended from receiving payment or salary or other compensation pending full compliance with the terms of an order of the Commission or a court.