

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of Contract Appeals to administer oaths or affirmations, certify official acts, issue certain subpoenas ~~and orders~~ relating to the discovery of evidence in matters before the Board; authorizing the Board to compel testimony of witnesses; providing for judicial enforcement of orders and subpoenas of the Board; providing that a person who willfully makes, or procures another to make, certain false statements in certain matters before the Board is guilty of perjury or subornation of perjury, respectively, and is subject to penalties upon conviction in accordance with law.

BY adding to

Article 21 - Procurement
Section 7-202(d), (e) and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 21 - Procurement

7-202.

(D) IN CONNECTION WITH ANY PROCEEDING AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBTITLE, THE APPEALS BOARD MAY:

- (1) ADMINISTER OATHS OR AFFIRMATIONS;
- (2) CERTIFY TO ALL OFFICIAL ACTS; AND

~~(3) AT THE REQUEST OF A PARTY TO A PROCEEDING, ISSUE SUBPOENAS AND ORDERS FOR THE ATTENDANCE AND TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES, THE PRODUCTION OF PAPERS, BOOKS, PAYROLLS, ACCOUNTS, RECORDS, OR OTHER DOCUMENTS OR OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE DISCOVERY OF EVIDENCE.~~

~~(E) (1) IF A PERSON FAILS TO COMPLY WITH ANY SUBPOENA OR ORDER ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE APPEALS BOARD MAY INVOKE THE AID OF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION.~~

~~(2) THE COURT MAY ORDER THAT PERSON TO OBEY THE SUBPOENA OR ORDER OR TO GIVE EVIDENCE BEFORE THE APPEALS BOARD ABOUT THE MATTER IN QUESTION.~~

~~(F) (1) ANY PERSON WHO WILLFULLY MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT, UNDER OATH OR AFFIRMATION, CONCERNING MATTERS MATERIAL TO AN ISSUE BEFORE THE APPEALS BOARD, OR WHO PROCURES ANOTHER TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION, IS GUILTY OF PERJURY OR SUBORNATION OF PERJURY, AS THE CASE MAY BE.~~