- (4) In an action for damages, if an injury due to a violation of § 11–204 is found, the person injured shall be awarded three times the amount of actual damages which results from the violation, with costs and reasonable attorney's fees.
- (5) The Attorney General may bring an action on behalf of the State or any of its political subdivisions to recover the damages provided for by this subsection or any comparable provision of federal law.
- (C) (1) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY BRING AN ACTION IN THE NAME OF THE STATE, AS PARENS PATRIAE ON BEHALF OF PERSONS RESIDING IN THE STATE, TO RECOVER THE DAMAGES PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION. THE COURT SHALL EXCLUDE FROM THE AMOUNT OF MONETARY RELIEF AWARDED IN SUCH AN ACTION ANY AMOUNT OF MONETARY RELIEF WHICH DUPLICATES AMOUNTS THAT HAVE BEEN AWARDED FOR THE SAME INJURY OR IS PROPERLY ALLOCABLE TO PERSONS WHO HAVE EXCLUDED THEIR CLAIMS PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION
- (2) IN ANY ACTION BROUGHT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AT THE TIMES, IN THE MANNER, AND WITH THE CONTENT THAT THE COURT DIRECTS, SHALL CAUSE NOTICE OF THE ACTION TO BE GIVEN BY PUBLICATION. IF THE COURT FINDS THAT NOTICE GIVEN SOLELY BY PUBLICATION WOULD DENY DUE PROCESS TO ANY PERSON, THE COURT MAY DIRECT FURTHER NOTICE TO THE PERSON ACCORDING TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE.
- (3) ANY PERSON ON WHOSE BEHALF AN ACTION IS BROUGHT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY ELECT TO EXCLUDE FROM ADJUDICATION THE PORTION OF THE CLAIM FOR MONETARY RELIEF ATTRIBUTABLE TO THAT PERSON BY FILING NOTICE OF THE ELECTION WITH THE COURT WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.
- (4) A FINAL JUDGMENT IN AN ACTION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS RES JUDICATA AS TO ANY CLAIM UNDER THIS SUBTITLE BY ANT PERSON ON BEHALF OF WHOM SUCH ACTION WAS BROUGHT, UNLESS THE PERSON HAS MADE AN ELECTION TO EXCLUDE THAT PERSON'S CLAIM, AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.
- (5) IN ANY ACTION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, IF A DETERMINATION IS MADE THAT A DEFENDANT AGREED TO FIX PRICES, DAMAGES MAY BE PROVED AND ASSESSED IN THE AGGREGATE BY STATISTICAL OR SAMPLING METHODS, BY THE PRO RATA ALLOCATION OF ILLEGAL OVERCHARGES OR EXCESS PROFITS, OR BY OTHER REASONABLE METHODS OF ESTIMATING AGGREGATE DAMAGES AS THE COURT PERMITS, WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF SEPARATELY PROVING INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS OR AMOUNTS OF DAMAGES TO PERSONS ON WHOSE BEHALF THE ACTION WAS BROUGHT.
- [(c)] (D) (C) (1) An action brought to enforce this subtitle shall be commenced within [four] 4 years after the cause of action accrues.
- (2) For the purposes of this subsection, a cause of action for a continuing violation accrues at the time of the latest violation.