

(1) willfully and persistently engages in an act or omission that is a ground for discipline under § 16-210(a) of this subtitle; or

(2) violates Title 12 of the Tax - General Article OR TITLE 16 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE, OR REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THESE TITLES.

(c) If a license is suspended or revoked under this section:

(1) the Comptroller shall give the licensee notice of the suspension or revocation; and

(2) the suspension or revocation may not take effect until at least 5 business days following notice of the suspension or revocation.

(d) The transfer, renewal, or expiration of a license will not bar or abate a disciplinary action under this section.

(E) (1) EXCEPT FOR A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 27, § 404 OF THE CODE, WHENEVER ANY LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE IS SUSPENDED OR REVOKED BY THE COMPTROLLER, THE LICENSEE MAY, BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION, PETITION THE COMPTROLLER FOR PERMISSION TO MAKE AN OFFER OF COMPROMISE CONSISTING OF A SUM OF MONEY IN LIEU OF SERVING THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION.

(2) MONEY PAID IN LIEU OF SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION SHALL BE PAID INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

(3) AN OFFER OF COMPROMISE SHALL NOT EXCEED \$2,000 IN THE CASE OF RETAIL LICENSEES, AND SHALL NOT EXCEED \$50,000 FOR OTHER LICENSEES.

(4) THE COMPTROLLER MAY ACCEPT THE OFFER OF COMPROMISE IF:

(I) THE PUBLIC WELFARE AND MORALS WOULD NOT BE IMPAIRED BY ALLOWING THE LICENSEE TO OPERATE DURING THE PERIOD SET FOR THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION; AND

(II) THE PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF MONEY WILL ACHIEVE THE DESIRED DISCIPLINARY PURPOSES.

(5) THE COMPTROLLER MAY PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION.

16-214.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in § 16-202(b) of this subtitle, a person may not act, attempt to act, or offer to act, as a [manufacturer's warehouse operator,] MANUFACTURER, retailer, STORAGE WAREHOUSE, subwholesaler, vending machine operator, or wholesaler in the State unless the person has an appropriate license.

(b) (1) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days or both.

(2) Each day that a violation of this section continues is a separate offense.