

(3) imprisonment or fine or both.

[(b) No additional filing fee may be charged a petitioner who seeks enforcement in a circuit court of an order entered by the District Court.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1994.

Approved May 26, 1994.

CHAPTER 470
(Senate Bill 223)

AN ACT concerning

Weights and Measures - Civil Penalties

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to impose a certain civil penalty penalties on any person who violates the weights and measures law; and generally relating to the rules concerning the weights and measures law.

BY adding to

Article - Agriculture

Section ~~41-415~~ 11-208.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1985 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

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

Article - Agriculture.

~~41-415.~~ 11-208.1.

(A) ~~INSTEAD OF OR IN ADDITION TO ANY PENALTY PURSUING CRIMINAL CHARGES PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, THE SECRETARY MAY IMPOSE ON ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS TITLE A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 ON ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS TITLE:~~

- (1) FOR A FIRST VIOLATION, NOT MORE THAN \$1,000 \$500;
- (2) FOR A SECOND VIOLATION, NOT MORE THAN \$1,750 \$1,000; OR
- (3) FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, NOT MORE THAN \$2,500

\$2,000.

(B) PENALTIES COLLECTED BY THE SECRETARY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.