

(2) 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.

~~(B) (1) ANY PERSON WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL PRESERVE FOR 3 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF FILING THE APPLICATION ALL ACCOUNTS, BILLS, RECEIPTS, BOOKS, PAPERS, AND DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE AND SUBSTANTIATE ANY REPORTS, STATEMENTS, OR RECORDS REQUIRED TO BE MADE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~(2) THE PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION UPON REQUEST TO THE COMMISSION, AFTER REASONABLE NOTICE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE ENFORCED BY THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY.~~

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(A) THE COUNTY COUNCIL HAS NO LEGAL DUTY TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF ANY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) FAILURE BY ANY PERSON, INCLUDING THE CHIEF HEARING EXAMINER OF THE OFFICE OF ZONING AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS, TO COMPLY WITH THIS SUBTITLE IS NOT GROUNDS FOR INVALIDATION OF ANY DECISION BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL, SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL, FOR WHICH A DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS REQUIRED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively to apply only to applications filed or contributions made on or after January 1, 1995 and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any action or event that occurred before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1994.

Approved May 26, 1994.