

D. To enforce this section and the regulatory scheme adopted under this section, the County Commissioners or a representative of the County Commissioners may enter an elderly care home at any reasonable time to conduct an announced or unannounced inspection.

E. After enactment of the regulatory scheme under this section, a person who operates an elderly care home in Charles County without the permit required by the County Commissioners is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding [five thousand dollars (\$5,000.)] \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding [one (1)] 1 year, or both.

F. A person who operates an elderly care home in violation of the regulatory scheme adopted by the county Commissioners is guilty of a misdemeanor and[,] on conviction[,] is subject to a fine not exceeding [one thousand (\$1,000.)] \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding [one (1)] 1 year[,] or both.

44-1.

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 40A, § 6-101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, any enactment of the County Commissioners concerning conflicts of interest and ethics is governed by the following provisions.

B. There shall be a County Ethics Commission, which shall be composed of five [(5)] members appointed by the County Commissioners of Charles County from nominees submitted as follows:

(1) One [(1)] shall be nominated by the County Commissioners of Charles County.

(2) One [(1)] shall be nominated by the Charles County Ministerial Association, who shall be a member of the Association.

(3) Two [(2)] shall be nominated by the administrative judge of the circuit court for Charles County.

(4) One [(1)] shall be nominated by the Charles County Bar Association, who shall be a member of the Association.

44-2.

A. For the limited purpose of responding to a formal complaint and completing a related investigation, the Charles County Ethics Commission shall have the authority to administer oaths and affirmations, issue subpoenas to compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses and issue subpoenas within Charles County to compel the production of books, papers, records, or other documents.

B. The County Attorney shall prepare an appropriate form for use by the commissioner when the commission issues a subpoena under this section. The subpoenas shall contain the following language in bold print on the face of the subpoena: "Your failure to obey this subpoena may be reported to the circuit court for Charles County[,]