

(B) If a different penalty is specifically prescribed for violation of any section in this subtitle and expressly set forth therein, the specific penalty applies and the penalty set forth in this section does not apply.

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(A) (1) ANY PERSON WHO, WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF THE ILLEGALITY OF THE ACT, VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL PAY A CIVIL FINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (B) THROUGH (G) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT EXCEED \$5,000.

(3) AN INFRACTION UNDER THIS SECTION IS A CIVIL OFFENSE.

(4) IF A DIFFERENT PENALTY IS SPECIFICALLY PRESCRIBED FOR VIOLATION OF ANY SECTION IN THIS SUBTITLE AND EXPRESSLY SET FORTH THEREIN, THE SPECIFIC PENALTY APPLIES AND THE PENALTY SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY.

(B) (1) WHEN THE STATE PROSECUTOR OR THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR A COUNTY, OR BOTH, DETERMINE THAT A PERSON HAS UNINTENTIONALLY, AND WITHOUT CRIMINAL INTENT, VIOLATED A PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE STATE PROSECUTOR OR THE STATE'S ATTORNEY, OR BOTH, SHALL CAUSE TO BE ISSUED A CIVIL CITATION TO EACH PERSON WHO COMMITTED THE OFFENSE. THE CITATION SHALL CONTAIN:

(I) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON CHARGED;

(II) THE NATURE OF THE VIOLATION AND THE TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER IN WHICH IT OCCURRED;

(III) THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR THE VIOLATION THAT OCCURRED;

(IV) THE MANNER, LOCATION, AND TIME IN WHICH THE FINE MAY BE PAID; AND

(V) A STATEMENT THAT THE PERSON RECEIVING THE CITATION HAS A RIGHT TO A TRIAL IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND.

(2) THE ORIGINAL OF A CITATION SHALL BE FILED IN THE DISTRICT COURT HAVING PROPER VENUE.

(C) THE CITATION SHALL BE SERVED UPON THE PERSON NAMED IN THE CITATION BY MAIL OR BY PERSONAL SERVICE BY A SHERIFF OR A COMPETENT PRIVATE PERSON 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER

(D) THE SHERIFF OR PERSON WHO SERVES THE CITATION SHALL MAKE A PROMPT RETURN OF SERVICE TO THE COURT THAT SHOWS THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF SERVICE.