

and subject to the penalties prescribed in § 26-20 of this article. [Any such prosecution must be commenced within three years of the date on which the report or statement was originally due.]

26-16.

(c) (1) It shall be the duty of the State's Attorney of Baltimore City and of the State's Attorney of each county of this State to prosecute, by the regular course of criminal procedure, any person whom [he may believe] THE STATE'S ATTORNEY BELIEVES to be guilty of having wilfully violated any of the provisions of this section within the city or county for which said State's Attorney may be acting as such.

(2) THE STATE PROSECUTOR MAY PROSECUTE, BY THE REGULAR COURSE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, IN ANY JURISDICTION OF THE STATE, ANY PERSON WHOM THE STATE PROSECUTOR BELIEVES TO BE GUILTY OF HAVING WILLFULLY VIOLATED ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

26-20.

(A) [Any] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 26-15 OF THIS SUBTITLE, ANY person who KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY violates any of the provisions of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not more than [one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)] \$25,000, or be imprisoned for not more than [one] 1 year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

(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.

26-20A.

(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:

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