

[(d)](E) Over the signature of an officer or the executive director of the Board, the Board may issue subpoenas and administer oaths in connection with any investigation under this title and any hearings or proceedings before it.

[(e)](F) If, without lawful excuse, a person disobeys a subpoena from the Board or an order by the Board to take an oath or to testify or answer a question, then, on petition of the Board, a court of competent jurisdiction may punish the person as for contempt of court.

[(f)](G) If after due notice the individual against whom the action is contemplated fails or refuses to appear, nevertheless the Board may hear and determine the matter.

~~13-318.~~

~~(a) Except as provided in this section for an action under § 13-316 of this subtitle, any person aggrieved by a final decision of the Board in a contested case, as defined in the Administrative Procedure Act, may:~~

~~(1) Appeal that decision to the Board of Review; and~~

~~(2) Then take any further appeal allowed by the Administrative Procedure Act.~~

~~(b) (1) Any person aggrieved by a final decision of the Board under § 13-316 of this subtitle may not appeal to the Secretary or Board of Review but may take a direct judicial appeal.~~

~~(2) The appeal shall be made as provided for judicial review of final decisions in the Administrative Procedure Act.~~

~~(C) A DECISION BY THE BOARD TO DENY, SUSPEND, OR REVOKE A LICENSE MAY NOT BE STAYED PENDING JUDICIAL REVIEW.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.

CHAPTER 366

(House Bill 357)

AN ACT concerning

Courts - Transfer of Structured Settlement Payment Rights

FOR the purpose of ~~providing for~~ *establishing* certain conditions under which a direct or indirect transfer of certain structured settlement payment rights is effective; ~~requiring a certain~~ *prohibiting a structured settlement* obligor or annuity issuer ~~to make from making~~ payments to a transferee of structured settlement payment rights if *unless* the transfer is authorized in an order of a court based