

(d) Instead of revoking or suspending a license, the Commissioner may impose a penalty of not less than \$25 and not more than \$500.]

[9-409.

(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in § 10-226 of the State Government Article, before the Commissioner takes any final action under § 9-408 of this subtitle, the Commissioner shall give the person against whom the action is contemplated an opportunity for a hearing before the Commissioner.

(2) A hearing on denial of a license shall be held within 10 days after an applicant submits a formal request for the hearing.

(b) The Commissioner shall give notice and hold the hearing in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.

(c) The Commissioner may administer oaths in connection with a proceeding under this section.

(d) If, after due notice, the person against whom the action is contemplated does not appear, nevertheless the Commissioner may hear and determine the matter.]

Subtitle [5.] 4. [Prohibited Acts;] Penalties.

[9-501.] 9-401.

[(a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person may not do business as an employment agency in the State unless the person has a license issued under Subtitle 3 of this title.

(b)] A person who violates this [section] TITLE is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.

[9-502.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person may not act as an employment counselor in the State unless the person has a license issued under Subtitle 4 of this title.

(b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.]

[9-503.

(a) An employment agency may not demand or receive compensation that exceeds the compensation specified in the schedule of charges that the employment agency submits to the Commissioner.

(b) An employment agency that knowingly violates subsection (a) of this section: