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(a) (1) A person claiming to be aggrieved by discrimination prohibited by § 8-214 of this subtitle may file a sworn, written complaint with the Attorney General.

(2) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee shall investigate all written complaints.

(3) The Attorney General may initiate an investigation of a suspected violation.

(4) If there is reasonable cause for believing that a country club OR GOLF COURSE has practiced or is practicing discrimination in violation of § 8-214 of this subtitle, the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee shall hold a hearing to determine the existence of the alleged violation.

(5) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee may:

(i) administer oaths; and

(ii) issue subpoenas to compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses or the production of books, papers, records, and documents.

(b) If the Attorney General finds evidence of a pattern or practice of discrimination, the Attorney General shall make a consent agreement with the country club OR GOLF COURSE to end the discrimination.

(c) If a country club OR GOLF COURSE refuses to make a consent agreement, or breaches or violates a consent agreement, the Attorney General shall issue an order to the country club OR GOLF COURSE to end the discrimination.

(d) (1) If a country club OR GOLF COURSE fails to comply with an order issued under subsection (c) of this section, the country club OR GOLF COURSE may not be assessed as a country club OR GOLF COURSE under § 8-213 of this subtitle until the Attorney General determines that the country club OR GOLF COURSE complies with the order.

(2) A country club OR GOLF COURSE that has failed to comply with an order issued under subsection (c) of this section shall be assessed as if there were no agreement under § 8-213 of this subtitle. However, the country club OR GOLF COURSE is not liable for the unpaid taxes described in § 8-216 of this subtitle.

(e) A country club OR GOLF COURSE may appeal any action taken under this section as provided by §§ 10-222 and 10-223 of the State Government Article.

(f) (1) If a country club OR GOLF COURSE fails to provide information requested by the Attorney General to investigate a charge of discrimination, the Attorney General may request that the circuit court for the county in which the country club OR GOLF COURSE is located issue a subpoena for the information.

(2) If the circuit court finds that the information sought relates to proof of discrimination by a country club OR GOLF COURSE, the court shall issue a subpoena for the information.