

substituted for the former inaccurate references to an "applicant" for clarity.

In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the reference to a remedy provided "in" the loan documents is substituted for the former reference to a remedy "for which" the loan documents provide for clarity.

Defined term: "Department" § 1-101

5-209. FALSE STATEMENT OR REPORT.

(A) PROHIBITED.

A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY MAKE OR CAUSE TO BE MADE A FALSE STATEMENT OR REPORT:

- (1) IN AN APPLICATION OR DOCUMENT PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT; OR
- (2) TO INFLUENCE DEPARTMENT ACTION AFFECTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, WHETHER OR NOT THE ASSISTANCE ALREADY HAS BEEN EXTENDED.

(B) PENALTY.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 5 YEARS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$50,000 OR BOTH.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 83A, § 6-511.

In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to this "section" is substituted for the former erroneous reference to this "subtitle" because this section contains the only prohibited act in the entire subtitle.

Also in subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to a person who "aids or abets another person in the violation of this subtitle" is deleted as obsolete. The common-law distinction between charging a principal of a crime and an accessory before the fact to the crime has been abolished for most purposes by statute, in response to the holding of the Court of Appeals in *State v. Sowell*, 353 Md. 713 (1999). See CP § 4-204.

Defined term: "Department" § 1-101

SUBTITLE 3. MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY AND FUND.

PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

5-301. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.