(C) IF THE COURT FINDS THAT THE DEFENDANT VIOLATED THIS SUBTITLE, THE COURT MAY AWARD DAMAGES EQUAL TO THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT OF ACTUAL DAMAGES.

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- (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 10 YEARS OR BOTH.
- (B) If a violation involves a victim who is a vulnerable adult as defined under § 3–604(a) of the Criminal Law Article, a person who violates this subtitle is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$15,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 15 years or both.
- (C) IF A VIOLATION INVOLVES ENGAGING OR PARTICIPATING IN A PATTERN OF MORTGAGE FRAUD OR A CONSPIRACY OR ENDEAVOR TO ENGAGE OR PARTICIPATE IN A PATTERN OF MORTGAGE FRAUD, A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$100,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 20 YEARS OR BOTH.
- (D) (1) A PERSON CONVICTED OF VIOLATING THIS SUBTITLE SHALL PAY RESTITUTION TO ANY PERSON DAMAGED BY THE VIOLATION.
- (2) RESTITUTION SHALL BE ORDERED IN ADDITION TO A FINE OR IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH.
- (E) EACH RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTION SUBJECT TO A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE CONSTITUTES A SEPARATE OFFENSE, AND SHALL NOT MERGE WITH ANY OTHER CRIMES SET FORTH IN THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.
- (F) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBTITLE IS SUBJECT TO § 5-106(B) OF THE COURTS ARTICLE.

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