

any of the provisions of this article, it shall cause action to be brought in its name for mandamus or injunction before any of the judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, or in the Circuit Court of any county as the case may be, in which the company does business or has its principal place of business. The Court shall allow a period not exceeding 20 days to show cause why the relief prayed should not be granted, and shall upon the expiration of said period immediately inquire into the merits, without other or formal pleadings and without respect to any technical requirement. The Court may join as parties such persons as may be necessary or proper to make its judgment or processes effective, and shall make such final order, granting such relief, as may be appropriate.

93. (*Actions to Enforce Forfeitures.*)

Actions to recover forfeitures under this article shall be brought by the commission in any civil court of competent jurisdiction, in any county in which the company does business, in the name of the State of Maryland. In any such action recovery may be had for all forfeitures incurred up to the time when final judgment is rendered. Action to recover any particular forfeiture shall not be deemed a waiver of other forfeitures which have accrued, or will accrue.

Penalties

94. (*Criminal Penalties in General.*)

(a) Every natural person, whether or not an officer or agent of a public service company or personnel of the commission, who knowingly violates any of the provisions of this article, or procures, aids or abets any such violation by any public service company, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) All personnel of the commission who are convicted of violating Section 15 of this article, prohibiting certain conduct by personnel of the commission, shall, in addition to other penalties, be removed or discharged from office.

(c) Every natural person convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this article shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$1000. for the first offense, and not exceeding \$5000. for each additional or subsequent offense, unless a different punishment is specifically provided for such violation by law.

(d) Any natural person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this article respecting taxicabs shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$50. for the first offense and not exceeding \$100. for each additional or subsequent offense.

Forfeitures and Other Sanctions

95. (*Forfeitures.*)

(a) Any public service company which fails to file its annual report with the commission within the time limited by this Article, or extended by the commission; or fails to give a full, specific and responsive answer to any question reasonably directed to it by the commission, or fails to make any report or furnish any information required by the commission, within 30 days from the deadline fixed