

so refusing resides or is situate shall have jurisdiction, upon application of the Commissioner of the Department or the respondent, to issue an order requiring such person to appear and testify or produce evidence, as the case may require. The testimony taken at the hearing shall be under oath and recorded, and copies of any transcript and of any other records made of such hearing shall be furnished to the respondent upon HIS REQUEST and at his expense.

(d) Information relating to secret processes or methods of manufacture or production may be withheld by any person from any public hearing before the Council, and any such information which may be required, ascertained or discovered by any inspector or other employee of the Department, or the Board or any member thereof or Council or any member thereof shall be kept confidential.

~~700.~~ 699.

(Violation—Civil Liability).

(a) Any person who shall have been found by the Board after hearing as provided in Section ~~699~~ 698 hereof to have violated any rule or regulation promulgated by the Board and who shall not have taken such preventive or corrective measures as shall be required by the Board in accordance with such Section, and any person who shall have been found by the Board to have violated any order issued in accordance with the provisions of Section ~~696~~ hereof shall be liable for a penalty not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for said violation and an additional penalty of not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each day during which such violation continues, commencing on the first day after the expiration of the time so fixed by the Board for the taking of such preventive or corrective measure, . or, in the case of an order issued pursuant to Section ~~696~~ hereof commencing on the date of the order. Such penalties shall be recoverable in an action brought in the name of the people of the State by the Attorney General in the Circuit Court for the county in which the violation occurred, or in the Baltimore City Court if the violation occurred in the City of Baltimore. In addition thereto, such person may be enjoined from continuing such violation as hereinafter provided.

(b) Any action or cause of action for the recovery of a penalty under this subtitle may be settled or compromised by the Attorney General, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE BOARD, prior to the entry of judgment therefor.

(c) The civil liability which shall be imposed pursuant to the provisions of this subtitle upon persons violating the provisions of any rule or regulation or any order issued pursuant to Section ~~696~~ hereof shall not be construed as to include any violation which was caused by an Act of God, or strike, riot, catastrophe or other condition as to which negligence or willful misconduct on the part of such person was not the proximate cause.

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(Injunctions).

If measures to prevent or correct air pollution which is in violation of any rule or regulation promulgated by the Board shall not be taken in accordance with the order of the Board,