

The Business Regulation Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that subsection (b) of this section is revised so that each violation of this section is subject to a fine or imprisonment.

Defined terms: "Person" § 1-101

"Seller" § 14-101

14-128. GENERAL PENALTY.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UNLESS ANOTHER CRIMINAL PENALTY IS SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED ELSEWHERE, ON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 56, § 415(a).

Former Art. 56, § 415(c), which provided that this subtitle does not limit the power of the State to punish a person for conduct that is a crime by statute or common law, is deleted as surplusage.

Defined term: "Person" § 1-101

14-129. SHORT TITLE.

THIS SUBTITLE IS THE MARYLAND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY SALES ACT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language added to provide a convenient reference to this subtitle.

Defined term: "Business opportunity" § 14-101

SUBTITLE 2. FRANCHISES.

14-201. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 56, § 345(a).

The only changes are in style.

(B) ADVERTISEMENT.

"ADVERTISEMENT" MEANS A COMMUNICATION THAT:

(1) IS PUBLISHED IN CONNECTION WITH AN OFFER TO SELL OR SALE OF A FRANCHISE; AND