(1) THE APPLICANT OR REGISTRANT MAY SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSIONER A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR A HEARING ON THE STOP ORDER.

(2) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL SCHEDULE A HEARING WITHIN 15 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE COMMISSIONER RECEIVES THE REQUEST UNLESS THE APPLICANT OR REGISTRANT CONSENTS TO A LATER DATE.

(3) THE COMMISSIONER MAY SCHEDULE A HEARING EVEN IF THE APPLICANT OR REGISTRANT DOES NOT REQUEST A HEARING.

(C) VACATING OR MODIFYING STOP ORDER.

(1) IF NO HEARING IS HELD, THE STOP ORDER REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL THE COMMISSIONER MODIFIES OR VACATES IT.

(2) IF A HEARING IS HELD, AFTER THE HEARING, THE COMMISSIONER MAY MODIFY OR VACATE THE STOP ORDER OR EXTEND IT UNTIL THE COMMISSIONER MAKES A FINAL DETERMINATION.

(3) THE COMMISSIONER MAY MODIFY OR VACATE A STOP ORDER IF THE COMMISSIONER FINDS THAT:

(I) CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGED; OR

(II) IT IS OTHERWISE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO VACATE OR MODIFY THE STOP ORDER.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 56, §§ 355 and 356.

In subsection (b)(3) of this section, new language is added to state explicitly what only was implied in the former law; i.e., that the Commissioner may schedule a hearing even if one is not requested.

Defined term: "Commissioner" § 14–201

14–223. COPIES OF DOCUMENTS TO FRANCHISEES.

A FRANCHISOR MAY NOT SELL A FRANCHISE IN THE STATE WITHOUT FIRST GIVING A PROSPECTIVE FRANCHISEE A COPY OF THE OFFERING PROSPECTUS AND A COPY OF EACH PROPOSED AGREEMENT THAT RELATES TO THE SALE OF THE FRANCHISE AT THE EARLIER OF:

(1) THE FIRST PERSONAL MEETING OF THE FRANCHISOR AND THE PROSPECTIVE FRANCHISEE TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE SALE OF THE FRANCHISE; OR

(2) 10 BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT OR PAYMENT OF ANY CONSIDERATION THAT RELATES TO THE FRANCHISE RELATIONSHIP.