

**§212. Penalties**

A person upon whom a notice is served pursuant to section 211 shall comply with the terms thereof unless otherwise provided by the order of a court of this State. Any person who fails to appear, or with intent to avoid, evade or prevent compliance, in whole or in part, with any civil investigation under this section, removes from any place, conceals, withholds or destroys, mutilates, alters or by any other means falsifies any documentary material in the possession, custody or control of any person subject of any such notice, or knowingly conceals any relevant information, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 payable to the State to be recovered in a civil action. [PL 1977, c. 696, §35 (AMD).]

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**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1969, c. 577, §1 (NEW). PL 1977, c. 696, §35 (AMD). RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. B, §37 (COR).

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