

502.321D Fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative acts and practices prohibited.

An offeror, target company, affiliate or associate of an offeror or target company, or broker-dealer acting on behalf of an offeror or target company shall not engage in a fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative act or practice in connection with a takeover offer. For purposes of this section, a fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative act or practice includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

1. The publication or use in connection with a takeover offer of a false statement of a material fact, or the omission of a material fact which renders the statements made misleading.

2. The purchase of any of the equity securities of an officer, director, or beneficial owner of five percent or more of the equity securities of the target company by the offeror or the target company for a consideration greater than that to be paid to other shareholders, unless the terms of the purchase are disclosed in a registration statement filed pursuant to section 502.321B.

3. The refusal by a target company to permit an offeror who is a shareholder of record to examine or copy its list of shareholders, pursuant to the applicable corporation statutes, for the purpose of making a takeover offer.

4. The refusal by a target company to mail any solicitation materials published by the offeror to its security holders with reasonable promptness after receipt from the offeror of the materials, together with the reasonable expenses of postage and handling.

5. The solicitation of any offeree for acceptance or rejection of a takeover offer, or acquisition of any equity security pursuant to a takeover offer, when the offer is suspended under section 502.321B, provided, however, that the target company may communicate during a suspension with its equity security holders to the extent required to respond to the takeover offer made pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

2004 Acts, ch 1161, §20, 68