

**17.982 CRIMINAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Criminal penalties.** A person who violates a provision of chapter 25, 28A, 29, 31, 31A, 31B, or 34 for which a penalty has not been prescribed is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. **Administrative penalties.** (a) The commissioner may, as an alternative to misdemeanor prosecution, impose an administrative penalty on a person who violates a statute or rule enforceable by the commissioner. For a first violation, the commissioner may impose an administrative penalty of not more than \$1,000 for each violation. For a second or succeeding violation, the commissioner may impose an administrative penalty of not more than \$1,500 for each violation. Each day a violation continues is a separate violation.

(b) In determining the amount of the administrative penalty the commissioner may consider:

- (1) the willfulness of the violation;
- (2) the gravity of the violation;
- (3) the person's history of past violations;
- (4) the number of violations;
- (5) the economic benefit from the violation; and
- (6) other factors identified in the commissioner's citation.

(c) For a second or succeeding violation, the commissioner shall determine the amount of a penalty by considering the factors in paragraph (b) and:

- (1) similarity between the violations;
- (2) time elapsed since the last violation; and
- (3) the person's response to the most recent violation.

**History:** 1991 c 316 s 2; 1999 c 231 s 34; 1Sp2005 c 1 art 1 s 11; 2007 c 45 art 1 s 20