

17.17 COMPLAINTS; INVESTIGATIONS; PROSECUTIONS; FORFEITURES; INJUNCTIONS.

If complaint be made to the commissioner that any person is guilty of unfair discrimination defined by section 17.15, the commissioner shall investigate such complaint and may, upon personal initiative, investigate whether or not section 17.15 has been violated; and, in either event, for that purpose, may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony, and if, in the commissioner's opinion, sufficient ground exists therefor, may prosecute an action, in the name of the state, in the proper court, to annul the act of incorporation or the existence of a corporation engaged in such business practice. If any corporation is adjudged by any court guilty of unfair discrimination as defined by section 17.15, such court may vacate the charter or revoke the authority of such corporation to do business in this state and may permanently enjoin it from transacting business in this state.

History: (6248-6) 1927 c 252 s 6; 1986 c 444