88.75 VIOLATIONS; PENALTIES.

Subdivision 1. **Misdemeanor offenses; damages; injunctive relief.** (a) Any person who violates any of the provisions of sections 88.03 to 88.22 for which no specific penalty is therein prescribed shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished accordingly.

(b) Failure by any person to comply with any provision or requirement of sections 88.03 to 88.22 to which such person is subject shall be deemed a violation thereof.

(c) Any person who violates any provisions of sections 88.03 to 88.22, in addition to any penalties therein prescribed, or hereinbefore in this section prescribed, for such violation, shall also be liable in full damages to any and every person suffering loss or injury by reason of such violation, including liability to the state, and any of its political subdivisions, for all expenses incurred in fighting or preventing the spread of, or extinguishing, any fire caused by, or resulting from, any violation of these sections. All expenses so collected by the state shall be deposited in the general fund. When a fire set by any person spreads to and damages or destroys property belonging to another, the setting of the fire shall be prima facie evidence of negligence in setting and allowing the same to spread.

(d) At any time the state, or any political subdivision thereof, either of its own motion, or at the suggestion or request of the director, may bring an action in any court of competent jurisdiction to restrain, enjoin, or otherwise prohibit any violation of sections 88.03 to 88.22, whether therein described as a crime or not, and likewise to restrain, enjoin, or prohibit any person from proceeding further in, with, or at any timber cutting or other operations without complying with the provisions of those sections, or the requirements of the director pursuant thereto; and the court may grant such relief, or any other appropriate relief, whenever it shall appear that the same may prevent loss of life or property by fire, or may otherwise aid in accomplishing the purposes of sections 88.03 to 88.22.

Subd. 2. [Renumbered 18.436]

Subd. 3. **Felony offenses.** Any person who willfully or knowingly cuts or removes any timber or forest product contrary to the provisions of sections 88.49 to 88.53; or willfully or knowingly makes any false statement or representation in any application, certificate, or other paper or document required by, or purporting to be made pursuant to, sections 88.49 to 88.53; or wrongfully and intentionally falsifies, or changes, any such application, certificate, or document; or uses any artifice, trick, scheme, or device, or who conspires with others so to do, under color of sections 88.49 to 88.53, for the purpose of wrongfully evading or escaping the levy, assessment, or payment of any taxes, assessments, or claims of the state, or any political subdivision or agency thereof, shall be guilty of a felony.

Subd. 4. [Renumbered 84A.30, subd 2]

Subd. 5. [Obsolete, See 1949 c 546 s 10]

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