

**203.11 Penalties — injunctions.**

1. A person who knowingly submits false information to or knowingly withholds information from the department or any of its employees when required to be submitted or maintained under [this chapter](#), commits a fraudulent practice.

2. *a.* Except as provided in paragraph “*b*”, a person commits a serious misdemeanor if the person does any of the following:

(1) Engages in business as a grain dealer without a license as required in [section 203.3](#).

(2) Obstructs an inspection of the person’s business premises or records required to be kept by a grain dealer pursuant to [section 203.9](#).

(3) Uses a scale weight ticket or credit-sale contract in violation of [this chapter](#) or a requirement established by the department under [this chapter](#).

*b.* A person who commits an offense specified in paragraph “*a*” after having been found guilty of the same offense commits an aggravated misdemeanor.

3. Except as provided in [subsections 1 and 2](#), a person who violates any provision of [this chapter](#) commits a simple misdemeanor. With respect to a continuing violation, each day that the violation continues is a separate offense.

4. A person in violation of [this chapter](#), or in violation of [chapter 714](#) or [715A](#), which violation involves the business of a grain dealer, is subject to prosecution by the county attorney in the county where the business is located. However, if the county attorney fails to initiate prosecution within thirty days and upon request by the department, the attorney general may initiate and carry out the prosecution in cooperation, if possible, with the county attorney. The person in violation may be restrained by an injunction in an action brought by the department or the attorney general upon request by the department.

[C75, 77, 79, 81, §542.11; [81 Acts, ch 180, §11](#)]

[92 Acts, ch 1239, §61](#)

C93, §203.11

[2003 Acts, ch 69, §7](#); [2023 Acts, ch 154, §5, 19](#)

Subsection 2, paragraph a, subparagraph (3) amended