

557B.6 Denial, suspension, or revocation of application or registration — penalties.

The attorney general may by order deny, suspend, or revoke a membership camping operator's application or registration or impose a penalty of not more than five thousand dollars or a combination of suspension or revocation and penalty, if the attorney general finds that the order is for the protection of prospective purchasers or purchasers of membership camping contracts and that one of the following applies:

1. The membership camping operator's advertising or sales techniques or trade practices have been or are deceptive, false, or misleading.
2. The membership camping operator is not financially responsible or has insufficient capital to warrant its offering or selling membership camping contracts in this state. The attorney general may require a surety bond or, if one is unobtainable, other evidence of financial assurances satisfactory to the attorney general.
3. The membership camping operator's application for registration or an amendment to the registration is incomplete in a material respect.
4. The membership camping operator has failed to file timely amendments to the application for registration as required by section 557B.3.
5. The membership camping operator has failed to comply with any provision of this chapter that materially affects the rights of purchasers, prospective purchasers, or owners of membership camping contracts.
6. The membership camping operator has made a false or misleading representation or concealed material facts in any document or information filed with the attorney general.
7. The membership camping operator has represented or is representing to purchasers in connection with the offer to sell membership camping contracts that a particular facility is planned, without reasonable expectation that the facility will be completed within a reasonable time or without the apparent means to ensure its completion.

An order denying, suspending, or revoking a registration or imposing a penalty shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the applicant or registrant. The applicant or registrant has thirty calendar days from the date of mailing the order to request a hearing pursuant to chapter 17A. If a hearing is not requested within thirty days and is not ordered by the attorney general, the order shall remain in effect until modified or vacated by the attorney general. However, if the attorney general finds that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and incorporates a finding to that effect in the order, summary suspension of a membership camping operator's registration may be ordered. If the membership camping operator desires to contest the summary order, the membership camping operator must request a hearing within fifteen calendar days of service of the summary order. If so requested, the hearing must be instituted within twenty calendar days of the request and the contest of the summary order must be promptly determined.

87 Acts, ch 181, §10; 88 Acts, ch 1134, §99, 100

Referred to in §557B.5