

**162.13 Criminal penalties — confiscation.**

1. A person who operates a commercial establishment without an authorization issued or renewed by the department as required in [section 162.2A](#) is guilty of a simple misdemeanor and each day of operation is a separate offense.

2. The failure of a person who owns or operates a commercial establishment to meet the standard of care required in [section 162.10A, subsection 1](#), is a simple misdemeanor. The animals are subject to seizure and impoundment and may be sold or destroyed as provided by rules which shall be adopted by the department pursuant to [chapter 17A](#). The rules shall provide for the destruction of an animal by a humane method, including by euthanasia.

3. The failure of a person who owns or operates a commercial establishment to meet the requirements of [this section](#) is also cause for the suspension or revocation of the person's authorization as provided in [section 162.10D](#).

4. Dogs, cats, and other vertebrate animals upon which euthanasia is permitted by law may be destroyed by a person subject to [this chapter](#) or [chapter 169](#), by a humane method, including euthanasia, as provided by rules which shall be adopted by the department pursuant to [chapter 17A](#).

5. It is unlawful for a dealer to knowingly ship a diseased animal. A dealer violating [this subsection](#) is subject to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars. Each diseased animal shipped in violation of [this subsection](#) is a separate offense.

[C75, 77, 79, 81, §162.13]

[83 Acts, ch 149, §1](#); [88 Acts, ch 1186, §15](#); [94 Acts, ch 1103, §1](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1030, §23, 29](#)

Referred to in [§162.11](#)