

**458A.17 Action to restrain violation or threatened violation.**

1. If it appears that any person is violating or threatening to violate any provision of [this chapter](#), or any rule or order of the department, the department shall bring suit against the person in the district court of any county where the violation occurs or is threatened, to restrain the person from continuing the violation or from carrying out the threat of violation. In the suit, the court has jurisdiction to grant to the department, without bond or other undertaking, the prohibitory and mandatory injunctions as the facts may warrant, including temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions, temporary, preliminary, or final orders restraining the movement or disposition of any illegal oil, illegal gas, or illegal product, any of which the court may order to be impounded or placed in the custody of an agent appointed by the court.

2. If the department fails to bring suit to enjoin a violation or threatened violation of any provision of [this chapter](#), or any rule or order of the department, within ten days after receipt of written request to do so by any person who is or will be adversely affected by the violation, the person making the request may bring suit in the person's own behalf to restrain the violation or threatened violation in any court in which the department might have brought suit. The department shall be made a party defendant in the suit in addition to the person violating or threatening to violate a provision of [this chapter](#), or a rule or order of the department, and the action shall proceed and injunctive relief may be granted to the department or the petitioner without bond in the same manner as if suit had been brought by the department.

[C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §84.17; [82 Acts, ch 1199, §52, 96](#)  
C93, §458A.17