

**542.15 Criminal penalties.**

1. A person who violates a provision of [section 542.13](#) is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.
2. If the board has reason to believe that a person has committed a violation subject to [subsection 1](#), the board may certify the facts to the attorney general of this state, or to the county attorney of the county where the person maintains a business office, who, in the attorney general's or county attorney's discretion, may initiate an appropriate criminal proceeding.
3. If, after an investigation under [section 542.11](#) or otherwise, the board has reason to believe that a person or firm has knowingly engaged in an act or practice that constitutes a violation subject to [subsection 1](#), the board may submit its information to the attorney general of any state, or other appropriate law enforcement official, who, in such official's discretion, may initiate an appropriate criminal proceeding.

[2001 Acts, ch 55, §15, 38](#)

Referred to in [§542.14](#), [542.16](#)