

**200A.13 Violations.**

1. A person violating a provision of [this chapter](#) is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

2. *a.* If, after a departmental investigation, it appears that a person is in violation of [this chapter](#), the department shall notify the person of the violation and provide the person with an opportunity to be heard under rules adopted by the department consistent with [chapter 17A](#) contested case proceedings.

*b.* If, after a hearing, the department determines that a violation has occurred, the department may report the violation to the appropriate county attorney for prosecution. The report shall include a certified copy of evidence presented during the hearing. [This section](#) does not require the department to report a minor violation for prosecution if the department concludes that the public interest will be best served by a suitable written warning.

*c.* A county attorney who receives a report of a violation from the department shall institute and prosecute the case in district court without delay.

3. The department may assess a civil penalty for a violation of [this chapter](#) which shall not exceed five hundred dollars. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation. Moneys collected in civil penalties shall be deposited in the general fund of the state.

[98 Acts, ch 1145, §13](#); [2017 Acts, ch 159, §42](#)