203C.36 Penalties — injunction.

1. A person who knowingly withholds information from or knowingly submits false information to the department or any of its employees in a record required to be maintained or submitted to the department under this chapter commits a fraudulent practice as provided in chapter 714.

2. *a.* Except as provided in paragraph *"b"*, a person commits a serious misdemeanor if the person does any of the following:

(1) Engages in business as a warehouse operator without a license as required in section 203C.6.

(2) Obstructs the inspection of the person's business premises or records required to be kept by a licensed warehouse operator pursuant to section 203C.2.

(3) Uses a scale ticket, warehouse receipt, or other document in violation of this chapter or requirements established by the department under this chapter.

b. A person who commits an offense specified in paragraph *"a"* after having been found guilty of the same offense commits an aggravated misdemeanor.

3. Except as provided in subsections 1 and 2, a person who violates any provision of this chapter commits a simple misdemeanor. With respect to a continuing violation, each day that the violation continues is a separate offense.

4. A person in violation of this chapter, or in violation of chapter 714 or 715A, which violation involves the business of a warehouse operator, is subject to prosecution by the county attorney in the county where the business is located. However, if the county attorney fails to initiate prosecution within thirty days, and upon request by the department, the attorney general may initiate and carry out the prosecution in cooperation, if possible, with the county attorney. The person in violation may be restrained by injunction in an action brought by the department or the attorney general upon request by the department.

[C24, 27, 31, §9751; C35, §9751-g33; C39, §**9751.33;** C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §543.36; 81 Acts, ch 180, §27]

92 Acts, ch 1239, §75

C93, §203C.36

2003 Acts, ch 69, §19