

**163.61 Civil penalties.**

1. The department shall establish, by rule, civil penalties which may be administratively or judicially assessed. The attorney general shall cooperate with the department in the assessment and collection of civil penalties.

2. Except as provided in [subsection 3](#), a person violating a provision of [this chapter](#), or a rule adopted pursuant to [this chapter](#), shall be subject to a civil penalty of at least one hundred dollars but not more than one thousand dollars. In the case of a continuing violation, each day of the continuing violation is a separate violation. However, a person shall not be subject to a civil penalty totaling more than twenty-five thousand dollars.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of [subsection 2](#), all of the following apply:

a. A person who falsifies a certificate of vaccination or certificate of veterinary inspection shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars for each reference to an animal falsified on the certificate. However, a person who falsifies a certificate issued pursuant to [chapter 166D](#) shall be subject to a civil penalty as provided in [this section](#) or [section 166D.16](#), but not both. A person shall not be subject to a civil penalty totaling more than twenty-five thousand dollars for falsifying a certificate, regardless of the number of animals falsified on the certificate.

b. A person required to be licensed as a dealer pursuant to [section 163.30](#) and who is not issued a license by the department pursuant to that section, but does business as a dealer, shall be subject to a civil penalty of at least one thousand dollars but not more than five thousand dollars. Each day that the person does business as a dealer without being issued a license constitutes a separate offense. A person shall not be subject to a civil penalty totaling more than twenty-five thousand dollars during any one year.

c. A person who interferes with an official act as provided in [section 163.3F](#) shall be subject to a civil penalty of at least one hundred dollars but not more than ten thousand dollars. In the case of a continuing violation, each day of the continuing violation is a separate violation. However, a person shall not be subject to a civil penalty totaling more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars arising out of the same violation.

4. Moneys collected from civil penalties shall be deposited into the general fund of the state.

[2001 Acts, ch 136, §7](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1095, §1, 6](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1163, §15](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1095, §25](#); [2020 Acts, ch 1036, §11, 16](#)