

GRAIN DEALERS ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 141 of 1939

285.84 Violation of act or rule; administrative fines; warning; action by attorney general; license revocation; disposition of fine, costs, and recovery.

Sec. 24. (1) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, a person who individually, or by the action of his or her agent or employee, or as the employee or agent of another, violates this act or a rule promulgated under this act is subject to 1 of the following administrative fines:

(a) For a first violation, a fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$1,000.00, plus actual costs of the investigation and the amount of any economic benefit associated with the violation.

(b) For a second violation within 2 years from the date of the first violation, a fine of not less than \$100.00 or more than \$5,000.00, plus actual costs of the investigation and the amount of any economic benefit associated with the violation.

(c) For a third violation within 2 years from the date of the first violation, a fine of not less than \$500.00 or more than \$10,000.00, plus actual costs of the investigation and the amount of any economic benefit associated with the violation.

(2) Upon the request of a person to whom the director has assessed an administrative fine under subsection (1), the director shall conduct a hearing pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

(3) If the director finds that a violation of this act has occurred despite the exercise of due care, the director may issue a warning instead of imposing an administrative fine under subsection (1).

(4) The director may advise the attorney general of the failure of a person to pay an administrative fine imposed under subsection (1), and the attorney general may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover the fine.

(5) The director may revoke the license of a licensee who does not pay an administrative fine imposed under subsection (1).

(6) An administrative fine, costs, and the recovery of any economic benefit associated with a violation collected by the department under this section shall be retained by the department and used pursuant to legislative appropriation for the administration of this act.

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