

**65-6a56. Violations of meat and poultry inspection act; civil penalties; disposition of moneys.** (a)

Any person who violates any of the provisions of the Kansas meat and poultry inspection act, article 6a of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or any rule and regulation promulgated thereunder, in addition to any other penalty provided by law, may incur a civil penalty imposed under subsection (b) in the amount fixed by rules and regulations of the secretary of agriculture in an amount not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000 for each violation and, in the case of a continuing violation, every day such violation continues shall be deemed a separate violation.

(b) A duly authorized agent of the secretary, upon finding that any person or agent or employee thereof has violated any provision of the Kansas meat and poultry inspection act or any rule and regulation promulgated thereunder, may impose a civil penalty as provided by this section upon such person.

(c) No civil penalty shall be imposed pursuant to this section except on written order of the duly authorized agent of the secretary to the person who committed the violation or to the person whose agent or employee committed the violation. Such order shall state the violation, the penalty to be imposed and the right of such person to appeal to the secretary. Any such person, within 20 days after notification, may make written request to the secretary for a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act. The secretary shall affirm, reverse or modify the order and shall specify the reasons therefor.

(d) Any person aggrieved by an order of the secretary made under this section may appeal such order to the district court in the manner provided by the Kansas judicial review act.

(e) Any civil penalty recovered pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the state general fund.

(f) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas meat and poultry inspection act, article 6a of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

**History:** L. 1991, ch. 176, § 1; L. 2001, ch. 5, § 221; L. 2004, ch. 101, § 103; L. 2010, ch. 17, § 125; July 1.