Ohio Revised Code
Section 173.28 Additional Fines for certain violations.
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(A) As used in this section, "incident" means the occurrence of a violation with respect to a resident or recipient. A violation is a separate incident for each day it occurs and for each resident who is subject to it.

(B)(1) In lieu of the fine that may be imposed under division (A) of section 173.99 of the Revised Code for a criminal offense, the director of aging may, under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, fine a long-term care provider or other entity, a person employed by a long-term care provider or other entity, or an individual for a violation of division (C) of section 173.24 of the Revised Code. The fine shall not exceed one thousand dollars per incident.

(2) In lieu of the fine that may be imposed under division (C) of section 173.99 of the Revised Code for a criminal offense, the director may, under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, fine a long-term care provider or other entity, a person employed by a long-term care provider or other entity, or an individual for a violation of division (G)(1) or (2) of section 173.19 of the Revised Code. The fine shall not exceed five hundred dollars for each day the violation continued.

(C) On request of the director, the attorney general shall bring and prosecute to judgment a civil action to collect any fine imposed under division (B)(1) or (2) of this section that remains unpaid thirty days after the violator's final appeal is exhausted.

(D) All fines collected under this section shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the state long-term care ombudsman program fund created under section 173.26 of the Revised Code.