



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4766.11 Investigation of violations and complaints.

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(A) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services may investigate alleged violations of this chapter or the rules adopted under it and may investigate any complaints received regarding alleged violations.

In addition to any other remedies available and regardless of whether an adequate remedy at law exists, the board may apply to the court of common pleas in the county where a violation of any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted pursuant thereto is occurring for a temporary or permanent injunction restraining a person from continuing to commit that violation. On a showing that a person has committed a violation, the court shall grant the injunction.

In conducting an investigation under this section, the board may issue subpoenas compelling the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books, records, and other documents pertaining to the investigation. If a person fails to obey a subpoena from the board, the board may apply to the court of common pleas in the county where the investigation is being conducted for an order compelling the person to comply with the subpoena. On application by the board, the court shall compel obedience by attachment proceedings for contempt, as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena from the court or a refusal to testify therein.

(B) The board may suspend a license issued under this chapter without a prior hearing if it determines that there is evidence that the license holder is subject to action under this section and that there is clear and convincing evidence that continued operation by the license holder presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. The chairperson and executive director of the board shall make a preliminary determination and describe the evidence on which they made their determination to the board members. The board by resolution may designate another board member to act in place of the chairperson or another employee to act in place of the executive director in the event that the chairperson or executive director is unavailable or unable to act. Upon review of the allegations, the board, by the affirmative vote of a majority of its members, may suspend the license without a hearing.



Immediately following the decision by the board to suspend a license under this division, the board shall serve a written order of suspension in accordance with sections 119.05 and 119.07 of the Revised Code. If the license holder subject to the suspension requests an adjudication hearing by the board, the date set for the adjudication shall be within fifteen days but not earlier than seven days after the request unless another date is agreed to by the license holder and the board.

Any summary suspension imposed under this division remains in effect, unless reversed by the board, until a final adjudicative order issued by the board pursuant to this section and Chapter 119. of the Revised Code becomes effective. The board shall issue its final adjudicative order not less than ninety days after completion of its adjudication hearing. Failure to issue the order by that day shall cause the summary suspension order to end, but such failure shall not affect the validity of any subsequent final adjudication order.