



## Ohio Revised Code Section 935.24 Civil penalty.

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(A) The attorney general, upon request of the director of agriculture, shall bring an action for injunction against any person who has violated, is violating, or is threatening to violate this chapter or rules. The court of common pleas in which an action for injunction is filed has jurisdiction to and shall grant preliminary and permanent injunctive relief upon a showing that the person against whom the action is brought has violated, is violating, or is threatening to violate this chapter or rules.

(B)(1) The director may assess a civil penalty against any person that the director determines is not in compliance with this chapter or rules.

(2) The director shall afford the person an opportunity for an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to challenge the director's determination that the person is not in compliance with this chapter or rules. However, the person may waive the right to an adjudication.

(3) If the opportunity for an adjudication is waived or if, after an adjudication, the director determines that a violation has occurred or is occurring, the director may issue an order and assess a civil penalty in an amount established in rules against the violator. The order and the assessment of the civil penalty may be appealed in accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code.

(C) Notwithstanding any other section of the Revised Code, money resulting from any action taken under this section shall be credited to the animal and consumer protection fund created in section 943.26 of the Revised Code.

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