

.56 Criminal Penalties.

A. A person maintaining or operating a nursing facility without a license is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction, is liable for a fine of not more than \$1,000 for the first offense and not more than \$10,000 for each subsequent conviction. Each day that the nursing facility continues to operate without a license after the first conviction is a subsequent offense and may subject the operator to further criminal prosecution.

B. A person maintaining and operating a nursing facility that is in violation of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000. Each day that the nursing facility operates after the first conviction, without correction of the cited violation, is considered a subsequent offense and may subject the operator to further prosecution.