487.1719 Violation of act; amount and disposition of civil penalty; applicability of section; provisions cumulative; liability for certain violations.

Sec. 719. (1) If, after notice and a hearing, the commissioner finds that a person has violated this act, the commissioner may order that person to pay to the commissioner a civil penalty in the amount the commissioner specifies. However, the amount of the civil penalty shall not exceed $1,000.00 for each violation, or in the case of a continuing violation, $1,000.00 for each day for which the violation continues. Money collected for a civil penalty under this section shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the general fund of this state.

(2) This section does not apply to any act committed or omitted in good faith in conformity with an order, rule, declaratory ruling, or written interpretative opinion of the commissioner, notwithstanding that the order, rule, declaratory ruling, or written interpretative opinion is later amended, rescinded, or repealed, or determined by judicial or other authority to be invalid for any reason.

(3) The provisions of subsection (1) are additional to, and not alternative to, other provisions of this act which authorize the commissioner to issue orders or to take other action on account of a violation of this act. A person who is convicted under section 819 on account of a violation of article 8 shall not be liable to pay a civil penalty under subsection (1) on account of that violation. A person who pays a civil penalty under subsection (1) on account of a violation of article 8 shall not be liable to prosecution under section 819 on account of that violation.