

THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956 (EXCERPT)
Act 218 of 1956

500.5112 Notice of violation of MCL 500.5106; hearing; findings and conclusions; order to cease and desist; additional orders.

Sec. 5112.

(1) Upon probable cause to believe that an acquiring insurer has been or is engaged in any practice in violation of section 5106, the commissioner shall give notice, pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, to the acquiring insurer, setting forth the general nature of the complaint against it. Before the issuance of a notice of hearing, the commissioner or his or her designee shall give the acquiring insurer an opportunity to confer and discuss the possible complaint and proceedings with the commissioner or his or her representative and the matter may be disposed of summarily by the parties.

(2) If, after opportunity for a contested case hearing held pursuant to Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, the commissioner determines that the acquiring insurer has violated any provision of section 5106, the commissioner shall reduce his or her findings and conclusions to writing and shall issue and cause to be served upon the acquiring insurer a copy of the findings and conclusions and an order requiring the acquiring insurer to cease and desist from engaging in the violation. The commissioner may also order any of the following:

(a) Payment of a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000.00 for each violation but not to exceed an aggregate penalty of \$50,000.00, unless the acquiring insurer knew or reasonably should have known that it was in violation of section 5106, in which case the penalty shall not be more than \$10,000.00 for each violation and shall not exceed an aggregate penalty of \$100,000.00 for all violations committed in a 6-month period.

(b) Suspension or revocation of the acquiring insurer's certificate of authority if it knowingly and persistently violated section 5106.

History: Add. 1993, Act 200, Eff. Dec. 28, 1994

Compiler's Notes: Section 3 of Act 200 of 1993 provides as follows: "Section 3. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless the state administrative board certifies in writing to the secretary of state by December 31, 1994 that an agreement for the transfer of all or substantially all of the assets and the assumption of all or substantially all of the liabilities of the state accident fund has been consummated with a permitted transferee pursuant to the requirements of section 701a of the worker's disability compensation act of 1969, Act No. 317 of the Public Acts of 1969, being section 418.701a of the Michigan Compiled Laws."

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