

RCW 70.05.120

Violations—Remedies—Penalties.

(1) Any local health officer or administrative officer appointed under RCW [70.05.040](#), if any, who shall refuse or neglect to obey or enforce the provisions of chapters [70.05](#), 70.24, and [70.46](#) RCW or the rules, regulations or orders of the state board of health or who shall refuse or neglect to make prompt and accurate reports to the state board of health, may be removed as local health officer or administrative officer by the state board of health and shall not again be reappointed except with the consent of the state board of health. Any person may complain to the state board of health concerning the failure of the local health officer or administrative officer to carry out the laws or the rules and regulations concerning public health, and the state board of health shall, if a preliminary investigation so warrants, call a hearing to determine whether the local health officer or administrative officer is guilty of the alleged acts. Such hearings shall be held pursuant to the provisions of chapter [34.05](#) RCW, and the rules and regulations of the state board of health adopted thereunder.

(2) Any member of a local board of health who shall violate any of the provisions of chapters [70.05](#), 70.24, and [70.46](#) RCW or refuse or neglect to obey or enforce any of the rules, regulations or orders of the state board of health made for the prevention, suppression or control of any dangerous contagious or infectious disease or for the protection of the health of the people of this state, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than two hundred dollars.

(3) Any physician who shall refuse or neglect to report to the proper health officer or administrative officer within twelve hours after first attending any case of contagious or infectious disease or any diseases required by the state board of health to be reported or any case suspicious of being one of such diseases, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than two hundred dollars for each case that is not reported.

(4) Any person violating any of the provisions of chapters [70.05](#), 70.24, and [70.46](#) RCW or violating or refusing or neglecting to obey any of the rules, regulations or orders made for the prevention, suppression and control of dangerous contagious and infectious diseases by the local board of health or local health officer or administrative officer or state board of health, or who shall leave any isolation hospital or quarantined house or place without the consent of the proper health officer or who evades or breaks quarantine or conceals a case of contagious or infectious disease or assists in evading or breaking any quarantine or concealing any case of contagious or infectious disease, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars or to imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed ninety days or to both fine and imprisonment.

[[2003 c 53 s 350](#); [1999 c 391 s 6](#); [1993 c 492 s 241](#); [1984 c 25 s 8](#); [1967 ex.s. c 51 s 17](#).]

Notes:

Intent—Effective date—2003 c 53: See notes following RCW [2.48.180](#).

Findings—Purpose—1999 c 391: See note following RCW [70.05.180](#).

Findings—Intent—1993 c 492: See notes following RCW [43.20.050](#).

Short title—Savings—Reservation of legislative power—Effective dates—1993 c 492: See RCW [43.72.910](#) through [43.72.915](#).

