

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §21-1B-5

## **§21-1B-5. Penalties.**

(a) Any employer who knowingly and willfully fails to maintain records as required by section four of this article is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined \$100 for each offense. Failure to keep records on each employee constitutes a separate offense.

(b) Any employer who knowingly violates the provisions of section three of this article by employing, hiring, recruiting or referring an unauthorized worker is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, is subject to the following penalties:

(1) For a first offense, a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 for each violation;

(2) For a second offense, a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000 for each violation;

(3) For a third or subsequent offense, a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000, or confinement in jail for not less than thirty days nor more than one year, or both.

(c) Any employer who knowingly and willfully provides false records as to the legal status or authorization to work of any employee to the commissioner or his or her authorized representative is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail not more than one year or fined not more than \$2,500, or both.

(d) Any employer who knowingly and willfully and with fraudulent intent sells, transfers or otherwise disposes of substantially all of the employer's assets for the purpose of evading the record-keeping requirements of section four of this article is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail not more than one year or fined not more than \$10,000, or both.