

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §47-21-20

§47-21-20. Violation of provisions; crime; civil penalties; additional grounds for suspension or revocation.

(a) Any person who knowingly violates any provisions of this article, other than the provisions of §47-21-18 or §47-21-19 of this code, or subsection (b) of this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000; and, upon a second or subsequent conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$100,000 or confined in jail not more than one year, or both fined and confined.

(b) On and after July 1, 2010, any person licensed under this article, or any person who operates a raffle without a license under §47-21-3 of this code, who is in possession of any electronic or mechanical raffle ticket system of whatever design or function, other than those machines and apparatus allowed under §47-21-2(n) of this code, that is used or designed to be used as part of a licensed raffle is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in a state correctional facility for a term of not less than one year nor more than three years, and fined not less than \$50,000 nor more than \$100,000, for each electronic or mechanical raffle ticket system of whatever design or function, other than those machines and apparatus allowed under §47-21-2(n) of this code, in the person's actual or constructive possession in this state. For a person other than an individual, upon conviction, the fine may not be less than \$100,000 nor more than \$500,000 for each video electronic or mechanical raffle ticket system of whatever design or function in the person's actual or constructive possession in this state.

(c) A licensee may also have his or her license suspended or revoked for failure to comply with this article and may be required to forfeit the machines or devices to the Tax Commissioner for destruction.

(d) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person, licensed or unlicensed under this article, who violates any provisions of this article, or who fails to perform any of the duties or obligations created and imposed upon them by the provisions of this article, other than the provisions of §47-21-18 or §47-21-19 of this code, or subsection (b) of this section, is subject to a civil penalty as may be determined by the Tax Commissioner in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.