**§12552. Purchase of live smelts from unlicensed dealers**

**1. Prohibition.**  A person licensed to deal in live baitfish pursuant to section 12551‑A may not purchase live smelts from a person who does not hold a current license to sell live smelts issued pursuant to section 12551‑A, subsection 3, paragraph A or C.

[PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §260 (AMD); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

**2. Penalty.**  The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

A. A person who violates subsection 1 commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than $100 nor more than $500 may be adjudged. [PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §261 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

B. A person who violates subsection 1 after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime. [PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §261 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

The commissioner, subject to the hearing provisions of section 10902, shall revoke for a period of at least one year from the date of adjudication any licenses issued under section 12551‑A to a person adjudicated of a violation of subsection 1.

[PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §261 (RPR); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

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