

**GAS SAFETY STANDARDS (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 165 of 1969**

**483.161 Penalties.**

Sec. 11. (1) A person who violates this act or a rule promulgated under this act is subject to a fine of not more than \$10,000.00 for each violation for each day that the violation persists, except that the maximum civil penalty shall not exceed \$500,000.00 for any related series of violations.

(2) In determining the amount of the fine, the commission shall consider all of the following:

- (a) The effect on the ability of the person charged to continue in business.
- (b) The nature, circumstances, and gravity of the violation.
- (c) Any good faith effort by the person charged to comply with the requirements of this act.
- (d) The degree of culpability of the person charged.
- (e) The history of prior violations of the person charged.
- (f) The ability of the person charged to pay.
- (g) Other matters as justice may require.

(3) The amount of the penalty stipulated may be deducted from a sum the state owes the person charged or may be recovered in a civil action in the Ingham county circuit court.

(4) A person who willfully and knowingly defaces, damages, removes, or destroys a pipeline sign or right-of-way marker required by this act is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, or both, for each offense.

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**Administrative rules:** R 460.2301 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.