

this subtitle or the rules and regulations issued thereunder or who shall impede, obstruct, hinder, or otherwise prevent or attempt to prevent said State Chemist, or his duly authorized agent in performance of his duty in connection with the provisions of this subtitle, shall be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$100 for the first violation, and not less than \$100 or more than \$500 for a subsequent violation. In all prosecutions under this subtitle involving the composition of a lot of commercial fertilizer, a certified copy of the official analysis signed by the State Chemist shall be accepted as prima facie evidence of the composition.

(b) Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed as requiring the State Chemist or his representative to report for prosecution or for institution of seizure proceedings as a result of minor violations of the Act when he believes that the public interests will be best served by a suitable notice of warning in writing.

(c) It shall be the duty of the State's Attorney to whom any violation is reported to cause appropriate proceedings to be instituted and prosecuted in a court of competent jurisdiction without delay. Before the State Chemist reports a violation for such prosecution, an opportunity shall be given the distributor to present his view.

(d) The State Chemist is hereby authorized to apply for and the court to grant a temporary or permanent injunction restraining any person from violating or continuing to violate any of the provisions of this subtitle or any rule or regulation promulgated under this subtitle notwithstanding the existence of other remedies at law. Said injunction shall be issued without bond.

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Publications.

The State Chemist shall publish at least annually, in such forms as he may deem proper, information concerning the distribution of commercial fertilizers, together with such data on their production and use as he may consider advisable and a report of the results of the analyses of official samples of commercial fertilizers distributed within the State as compared with the analyses guaranteed in the registration and the label; provided, however, that the information concerning production and use of commercial fertilizers shall not disclose the operation of any person.

SEC. 2. *Separability.*

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this Act shall for any reason be judged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

SEC. 3. *Repeal.*

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.