

2021 Kansas Statutes

50-6a16. Criminal penalties. (a) It shall be unlawful for a person to sell or distribute cigarettes, or acquire, hold, own, possess, transport, import or cause to be imported cigarettes that the person knows or should know are intended for distribution or sale in this state in violation of K.S.A. 50-6a04(a) or 50-6a13(a), and amendments thereto.

(1) Upon a first conviction for a violation of subsection (a), a person shall be guilty of a class A nonperson misdemeanor and sentenced to no more than one year in confinement and fined not less than \$1,000, nor more than \$2,500.

(2) On a second conviction for a violation of subsection (a), a person shall be guilty of a severity level 9 nonperson felony and fined a sum of not less than \$10,000, nor more than \$100,000, and sentenced according to the provisions of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804, and amendments thereto.

(3) On a third or subsequent conviction for a violation of subsection (a), a person shall be guilty of a severity level 9 nonperson felony and fined a sum of no less than \$50,000, nor more than \$100,000, and sentenced according to the provisions of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804, and amendments thereto.

(4) The penalties provided hereunder are cumulative to the remedies or penalties, including all civil penalties, under all other laws of this state.

(b) It shall be unlawful for a non-participating manufacturer, directly or indirectly, to falsely represent to any person in Kansas:

(1) Any information about a brand family listed on the directory;

(2) that it is a participating manufacturer;

(3) that it has made all required escrow payments; or

(4) that it has satisfied any other requirements imposed pursuant to this act.

A violation of this subsection is a class A nonperson misdemeanor.

(c) The attorney general shall have concurrent authority with any county or district attorney to prosecute any violation of this section.

History: L. 2009, ch. 110, § 10; L. 2015, ch. 79, § 7; June 4.