

**62A-3-208 Prohibited acts -- Penalty.**

(1) No person may:

- (a) give or cause to be given advance notice to a long-term care facility or agency that an investigation or inspection under the direction of the ombudsman is pending or under consideration, except as provided by law;
- (b) disclose confidential information submitted to the ombudsman pursuant to this part, except as provided by law;
- (c) willfully interfere with the lawful actions of the ombudsman;
- (d) willfully refuse to comply with lawful demands of the ombudsman, including the demand for immediate entry into or inspection of the premises of any long-term care facility or agency or for immediate access to any elderly resident of a long-term care facility; or
- (e) offer or accept any compensation, gratuity, or promise thereof in an effort to affect the outcome of a matter being investigated or of a matter which is before the ombudsman for determination of whether an investigation should be conducted.

(2) Violation of any provision of this part constitutes a class B misdemeanor.

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