offense, respectively, provided the preceding action resulted in a first or second offense, respectively.

- \$→ [(4) If, upon inspection or investigation, the division determines that a person has violated an unlawful conduct or an unprofessional conduct provision defined in this title more than one time, the division may treat each violation as a separate violation of the unlawful conduct or unprofessional conduct provision and may apply a penalty as described in this title to each violation.
- (4) (5) (4) (5) (4) (5) (a) The director may collect a penalty that is not paid by:
 - (i) [either] referring the matter to a collection agency; or
- (ii) bringing an action in the district court of the county where the person against whom the penalty is imposed resides or in the county where the office of the director is located.
- (b) A county attorney or the attorney general of the state shall provide legal assistance and advice to the director in an action to collect [the] a penalty.
- (c) A court may award reasonable attorney fees and costs to the [division] prevailing party in an action brought by the division to [enforce the provisions of this section] collect a penalty.
 - Section 5. Section **58-3a-502** is amended to read:

58-3a-502. Penalty for unlawful conduct.

- (1) (a) If upon inspection or investigation, the division concludes that a person has violated Subsections 58-1-501(1)(a) through (d) or Section 58-3a-501 or any rule or order issued with respect to Section 58-3a-501, and that disciplinary action is appropriate, the director or the director's designee from within the division for each alternative respectively, shall promptly issue a citation to the person according to this chapter and any pertinent rules, attempt to negotiate a stipulated settlement, or notify the person to appear before an adjudicative proceeding conducted under Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
- (i) A person who violates Subsections 58-1-501(1)(a) through (d) or Section 58-3a-501 or any rule or order issued with respect to Section 58-3a-501, as evidenced by an uncontested citation, a stipulated settlement, or by a finding of violation in an adjudicative proceeding, may be assessed a fine pursuant to this Subsection (1) and may, in addition to or in lieu of, be ordered to cease and desist from violating Subsections 58-1-501(1)(a) through (d) or Section 58-3a-501 or any rule or order issued with respect to this section.