

**RCW 48.38.050 Grounds for denial, revocation, or suspension of certificate of exemption—Fine may be levied.** (1) The insurance commissioner may refuse to grant, or may revoke or suspend, a certificate of exemption if the insurance commissioner finds that the insurer or institution does not meet the requirements of this chapter or if the insurance commissioner finds that the insurer or institution has violated RCW 48.01.030, any provisions of chapter 48.30 RCW, or this chapter, and any applicable provisions of Title 284 WAC, or is found by the insurance commissioner to be in such condition that its further issuance of charitable gift annuities would be hazardous to annuity contract holders and the people of this state.

(2) After hearing or with the consent of the insurer or institution and in addition to or in lieu of the suspension, revocation, or refusal to renew any certificate of exemption, the commissioner may levy a fine upon the insurer or institution in an amount not more than ten thousand dollars. The order levying such a fine shall specify the period within which the fine shall be fully paid and which period shall not be less than fifteen nor more than thirty days from the date of the order. Upon failure to pay such a fine when due the commissioner may revoke the certificate of exemption of the insurer or institution if not already revoked, and the fine shall be recovered in a civil action brought in behalf of the commissioner by the attorney general. Any fine so collected shall be paid by the commissioner to the state treasurer for the account of the general fund. [2012 c 211 s 7; 1998 c 284 s 4; 1979 c 130 s 10.]

**Severability—1979 c 130:** See note following RCW 28B.10.485.