§ 877. Trade secrets. 1. When a manufacturer, producer, formulator or employer considers the identity of or other information concerning a toxic chemical substance to be a protectable trade secret or a proprietary process whose disclosure would compromise his competitive advantage and when other applicable provisions of the health law are satisfied, he may register this information as secret with the commissioner of health.

2. Manufacturers, producers, formulators and employers who so register a substance, process or product with the commissioner of health must inform in writing, employers who request information relating to such substance, and employees and their representatives, that such substance or process constitutes a registered trade secret or proprietary process and that information regarding the toxic effects of such substance is only available without identifying information and must provide such information without identifying data.

3. No officer, employee or agent of any state or municipal department, agency, commission or authority shall disclose to anyone in any manner any record or portions thereof protected pursuant to this article and which are within his custody or knowledge for so long as such record or portions thereof shall be so exempted or until a final judicial denial of such exemption is rendered. Any person who violates any provision of this subdivision may be fined, suspended or removed from office or employment in the manner provided by law.