

House Bill No. 669

An act relating to Pinellas County; amending chapter 90-403, Laws of Florida; increasing a civil penalty imposed under the Pinellas County Environmental Enforcement Act; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 4 of chapter 90-403, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 4. Civil penalty; assessment of damages; joint and several liability.—

(1) The board may institute a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction to establish liability and to recover damages for any pollution, or any degradation, alteration, or elimination of or to the air, water, soil, natural resource, or animal or plant life of the county, caused by any violation of the ordinances, rules, or regulations adopted by the board and to impose and recover a civil penalty for each such violation in an amount of not more than \$10,000 ~~\$5,000~~ for each offense. Each day during any portion of which such violation occurs constitutes a separate offense.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor May 26, 2005.

Filed in Office Secretary of State May 26, 2005.