CHAPTER 2010-112

House Bill No. 1301

An act relating to violations of county ordinances; amending s. 125.69, F.S.; authorizing a county to specify by ordinance penalties for a violation of certain county ordinances; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 125.69, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

125.69 Penalties; enforcement by code inspectors.—

(1) Violations of county ordinances shall be prosecuted in the same manner as misdemeanors are prosecuted. Such violations shall be prosecuted in the name of the state in a court having jurisdiction of misdemeanors by the prosecuting attorney thereof and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500 or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed 60 days or by both such fine and imprisonment. However, a county may specify, by ordinance, a violation of a county ordinance which is punishable by a fine in an amount exceeding \$500, but not exceeding \$2,000 a day, if the county must have authority to punish a violation of that ordinance by a fine in an amount greater than \$500 in order for the county to carry out a federally mandated program. A county may also specify, by ordinance, that a violation of any provision of a county ordinance imposing standards of conduct and disclosure requirements as provided in s. 112.326 is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or a term of imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed 1 year.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor May 26, 2010.

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