

CHAPTER 2024-167

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 366

An act relating to civil penalties under the Gas Safety Law of 1967; amending s. 368.061, F.S.; increasing, until a specified date, the civil penalty amount for violating the Gas Safety Law of 1967; increasing the maximum authorized civil penalty for any related series of violations during such timeframe; requiring the Florida Public Service Commission, after a date certain and at least annually thereafter, to establish and, if necessary, revise maximum penalties by rule based on specified factors; authorizing the commission to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 368.061, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

368.061 Penalty.—

(1) A ~~Any~~ person who violates ~~any provision of~~ this part, or any regulation issued hereunder, is ~~shall be~~ subject to a civil penalty not to exceed the following:

(a) Until June 30, 2025, \$266,015 ~~\$25,000~~ for each violation for each day that such violation persists, except that the maximum civil penalty may ~~shall not exceed~~ \$2,660,135 ~~\$500,000~~ for any related series of violations.

(b) On or after July 1, 2025, maximum penalties established by the Florida Public Service Commission by rule. In establishing such penalties, the commission shall consider the penalties established in paragraph (a) and make revisions to such penalties based upon consideration of the Consumer Price Index, penalties established in federal law for pipeline safety violations, and the intent of the Legislature that the commission maintain its certification with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, or any of its successor agencies, to enforce pipeline safety. The commission shall review the penalties established in this paragraph at least annually and revise as necessary, using the considerations specified in this paragraph.

(4) The commission may adopt rules to implement this section.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor May 10, 2024.

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