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**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Summary: Gas Utility Civil Penalty

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

 Date Body Action Description with journal page number

 2/27/2024 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal‑page 29)

 2/27/2024 House Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry** (House Journal‑page 29)

 3/27/2024 House Committee report: Favorable **Labor, Commerce and Industry** (House Journal‑page 2)

 3/28/2024 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 22)

 3/28/2024 House Roll call Yeas-100 Nays-3 (House Journal‑page 23)

 3/28/2024 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (House Journal‑page 24)

 3/29/2024 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal‑page 1)

 4/2/2024 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal‑page 23)

 4/2/2024 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** (Senate Journal‑page 23)

 5/7/2024 Senate Polled out of committee **Judiciary** (Senate Journal‑page 14)

 5/7/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** (Senate Journal‑page 14)

 5/8/2024 Scrivener's error corrected

 5/8/2024 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal‑page 160)

 5/8/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-1 (Senate Journal‑page 160)

 5/9/2024 Senate Read third time and enrolled (Senate Journal‑page 138)

 5/15/2024 Ratified R 230

 5/21/2024 Signed By Governor

 5/29/2024 Effective date 05/21/24

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58‑5‑1030, RELATING TO CIVIL PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A GAS UTILITY WHICH VIOLATES SECTION 58‑5‑1020 OR A REGULATION UNDER ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 5, TITLE 58 IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT MORE THAN THE CIVIL PENALTY PROVIDED BY 49 U.S.C. SECTION 60122 AND 49 C.F.R. 190.233.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Civil penalties

SECTION 1. Section 58‑5‑1030(a) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 (a) A gas utility which violates a provision of Section 58‑5‑1020 or a regulation under this article is subject to a civil penalty of not more than the maximum civil penalty provided pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 60122 and 49 C.F.R. 190.223.

Time effective

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 15th day of May, 2024.

Approved the 21st day of May, 2024.

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