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Representative(s) Feeney offered the following:

Amendment

On page 1, line 15,
remove from the bill: everything after the enacting clause,
and insert in lieu thereof:

Section 1. (1) A state agency that collects taxes or regulates the activities of any profession, occupation, or business and that has knowledge that a person has violated one of the regulations applicable to the payment of those taxes or applicable to the profession, occupation, or business may not institute a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding against the person to impose a penalty for the violation or to compel compliance with the regulation until it informs the person of the requirements of the regulation and gives the person a reasonable time to comply. However, this prohibition does not apply if the violation constitutes a felony under state law or if the violator had prior actual knowledge of the requirements of the regulation or if it would affect an agency's ability to obtain or retain a federally delegated or

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1 approved environmental program. This prohibition does not
2 apply if the violator had prior actual knowledge of the
3 requirements of the regulation or if the agency determines the
4 violation constitutes an imminent detriment to the public
5 health, safety, and welfare.

6 (2) In any criminal, civil, or administrative
7 proceeding to impose a penalty for a violation of, or to
8 compel compliance with, the regulation, it is a defense that
9 the state agency has a pattern of failure to enforce the
10 regulation with respect to substantially the same violation
11 committed by others.

12 Section 2. A state agency that collects taxes or
13 regulates the activities of any profession, occupation, or
14 business and that has actual knowledge that a person has
15 violated one of the regulations applicable to the payment of
16 those taxes or applicable to the profession, occupation, or
17 business or, with the exercise of due diligence, should have
18 known of the violation, is estopped from enforcing the
19 regulation against the person if the state agency had actual
20 or imputed knowledge of the violation for a period of more
21 than 1 year and did not give the violator notice of the
22 requirements of the regulation within that time.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
24 law.

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