

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Comm: RCS 04/01/2009

The Committee on Regulated Industries (Jones) recommended the following:

## Senate Amendment

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Delete lines 1403 - 1447 and insert:

- (c) The act for which the citation is issued shall cease upon receipt of the citation and the person who receives the citation must correct the violation and respond to the civil penalty in the manner indicated on the citation or, within 21 days after receiving the citation, exclusive of weekends and legal holidays, request an administrative hearing.
  - 1. The division or the Division of Administrative Hearings

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shall hold hearings conducted pursuant to chapter 120.

- 2. The failure to file a written request for an administrative hearing which complies with s. 120.569 regarding the citation within the 21-day time period set forth in this paragraph constitutes a waiver of the person's right to request an administrative hearing. A waiver of the right to request an administrative hearing shall be deemed an admission of the violation and penalties may be imposed accordingly.
- 3. If the person issued the citation, or his or her designated representative, shows that the citation is invalid or that the violation has been corrected before an administrative hearing, the division may dismiss the citation unless the violation is irreparable or irreversible.
- 4. Each day that a violation knowingly and willfully continutes constitutes a separate offense.
- (d) If the administrative hearing results in a finding that a violation exists, the division or administrative law judge may order the violator to pay a civil penalty of not less than the amount set forth on the citation, but not more than \$1,000 per day for each violation. In determining the amount of the penalty, the division or administrative law judge, shall consider:
  - 1. The gravity of the violation.
- 2. Any actions taken by the violator to correct the violation.
  - 3. Any previous violations committed by the violator.
- (e) If the violator has not contested the citation or paid the civil penalty within the timeframe provided in the citation, the division shall enter a final order requiring the violator to

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pay the civil penalty provided in the citation. A hearing is not required for the issuance of such final order.

(f) An aggrieved party may appeal a final order issued by the division in accordance with s. 120.68. All notices and administrative proceedings required in this section shall be provided to the alleged violator by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by hand delivery by the state elevator inspector.