

By Senator Aronberg

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to violations of county ordinances;
3 amending s. 125.69, F.S.; authorizing a county to
4 specify by ordinance penalties for a violation of
5 certain county ordinances; providing an effective
6 date.

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

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

12 125.69 Penalties; enforcement by code inspectors.—

13 (1) Violations of county ordinances shall be prosecuted in
14 the same manner as misdemeanors are prosecuted. Such violations
15 shall be prosecuted in the name of the state in a court having
16 jurisdiction of misdemeanors by the prosecuting attorney thereof
17 and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed
18 \$500 or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed 60 days
19 or by both such fine and imprisonment. However, a county may
20 specify, by ordinance, a violation of a county ordinance which
21 is punishable by a fine in an amount exceeding \$500, but not
22 exceeding \$2,000 a day, if the county must have authority to
23 punish a violation of that ordinance by a fine in an amount
24 greater than \$500 in order for the county to carry out a
25 federally mandated program. A county may also specify, by
26 ordinance, that a violation of any provision of a county
27 ordinance imposing standards of conduct and disclosure
28 requirements as provided in s. 112.326 is punishable by a fine
29 not to exceed \$1,000 or a term of imprisonment in the county

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30 jail not to exceed 1 year.

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