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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government (Yarborough) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

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



11 civil penalty not to exceed the following:

12 (a) Until June 30, 2025, \$266,015 ~~\$25,000~~ for each
13 violation for each day that such violation persists, except that
14 the maximum civil penalty may ~~shall~~ not exceed \$2,660,135
15 ~~\$500,000~~ for any related series of violations.

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

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

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

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34 And the title is amended as follows:

35 Delete everything before the enacting clause
36 and insert:

37 A bill to be entitled
38 An act relating to civil penalties under the Gas
39 Safety Law of 1967; amending s. 368.061, F.S.;



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40 increasing, until a specified date, the civil penalty
41 amount for violating the Gas Safety Law of 1967;
42 increasing the maximum authorized civil penalty for
43 any related series of violations during such
44 timeframe; requiring the Florida Public Service
45 Commission, after a date certain and at least annually
46 thereafter, to establish and, if necessary, revise
47 maximum penalties by rule based on specified factors;
48 authorizing the commission to adopt rules; providing
49 an effective date.