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**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Reps. West and Sandifer

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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](h:\hj\20240227.docx))

2/27/2024 House Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([House Journal‑page 29](h:\hj\20240227.docx))

3/27/2024 House Committee report: Favorable **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([House Journal‑page 2](h:\hj\20240327.docx))

3/28/2024 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 22](h:\hj\20240328.docx))

3/28/2024 House Roll call Yeas-100 Nays-3 ([House Journal‑page 23](h:\hj\20240328.docx))

3/28/2024 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day ([House Journal‑page 24](h:\hj\20240328.docx))

3/29/2024 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 1](h:\hj\20240329.docx))

4/2/2024 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 23](h:\sj\20240402.docx))

4/2/2024 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 23](h:\sj\20240402.docx))

5/7/2024 Senate Polled out of committee **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 14](h:\sj\20240507.docx))

5/7/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 14](h:\sj\20240507.docx))

5/8/2024 Scrivener's error corrected

5/8/2024 Senate Read second time

5/8/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-1

5/9/2024 Senate Read third time and enrolled

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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Polled Out Of Committee

Majority Favorable

May 07, 2024

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Introduced by Reps. West and Sandifer

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Read the first time April 2, 2024

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The committee on Senate Judiciary

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 5154) 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, etc., respectfully

Report:

Has polled the Bill out majority favorable.

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A bill

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:

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 ten thousand dollars for each violation for each day that the violation persists, except that the maximum civil penalty may not exceed five hundred thousand dollars for any related series of violations the maximum civil penalty provided pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 60122 and 49 C.F.R. 190.223.

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

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