

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 276

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MUNICIPALITIES/NO. Provides relative to fines for building code violations in New Orleans.

DIGEST

Present law (R.S. 33:1375) provides that in New Orleans, the maximum penalty for a first offense violation of any ordinance is a fine of \$500. For the second or any subsequent offense, the maximum fine is \$1000. Provides that present law does not apply to any non-moving or parking violation or any other traffic violation.

Proposed law retains present law but changes the fine for a first offense violation of any ordinance from \$500 to \$1,000. Further changes the fine for a second or any subsequent offense from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Present law (R.S. 13:2500(C)) provides relative to the penalties which may be imposed by the Municipal and Traffic Court of New Orleans. Provides that court may impose penalties that do not exceed \$500 or six months in jail, or both.

Proposed law retains present law, including the maximum fine for second and subsequent violations of ordinances, and consolidates the two statutory provisions.

Proposed law further provides that the maximum penalty for a building code violation involving residential property with more than three units or any property being used commercially is \$1000.

(Amends R.S. 33:1375; Repeals R.S. 13:2500(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the engrossed bill

1. Changes the maximum penalty for the first offense or second offense violation of any ordinance in the city of New Orleans.
2. Removes provision that provided that in default of the payment of a fine, the court may impose up to an additional 30 days in jail.