

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 276****2023 Regular Session****Landry**

MUNICIPALITIES/NO: Provides relative to fines for ordinance violations in New Orleans

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Increase maximum penalties in present law for ordinance violations from \$500 for a 1st offense and \$1,000 for a subsequent offense to \$1,000 for a 1st offense and \$2,000 for a subsequent offense.
2. Remove proposed penalty increase for certain building code violations involving residential property with more than three units.
3. Remove present law provision for additional jail time for those in default of payment of a fine.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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 \$1,000. Provides that present law does not apply to any non-moving or parking violation or any other traffic violation.

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. Provides that in default of the payment of a fine, the court may impose up to an additional 30 days in jail.

Proposed law consolidates the two statutory provisions, increases the maximum fines to \$1,000 for a first offense and \$2,000 for a subsequent offense, and repeals provision for additional jail time for those in default of payment of a fine.

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