

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 104

BY REPRESENTATIVES JIM MORRIS AND BISHOP

ENERGY/PIPELINES: Increases the ceiling on penalties for pipeline safety violations

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 30:544(A)(1), relative to pipeline safety violations; to raise the  
3 maximum penalty for such violations; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 30:544(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §544. Violation; penalties, civil and criminal

7 A.(1) Any person who shall be determined by the assistant secretary, after  
8 notice and an opportunity for a hearing, to have violated any provision of this  
9 Chapter or any rule, regulation, or order promulgated or issued under this Chapter  
10 shall be liable to the office of conservation for a civil penalty not to exceed ~~ten~~ two  
11 hundred thousand dollars for each violation for each day that the violation persists,  
12 except that the maximum civil penalty shall not exceed ~~five hundred thousand~~ two  
13 million dollars for any related series of violations.

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DIGEST

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HB 104 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Increases the maximum allowable penalty for pipeline safety violations.

Present law authorizes the commissioner of conservation to levy certain penalties for violations of the pipeline safety provisions of law. Requires a notice of the violation and an

opportunity for a hearing. Authorizes the imposition of a penalty not to exceed \$10,000 per day for each violation with a maximum penalty not to exceed \$500,000 for any related series of violations.

Proposed law increases the maximums to \$200,000 per day of violation and a maximum of \$2 million for any related series of violations.

(Amends R.S. 30:544(A)(1))