

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Environmental Quality to use general enforcement powers with respect to environmental violations. Existing law authorizes the secretary to adopt rules and regulations establishing the expedited enforcement program.

Existing law authorizes that the citations issued for environmental violations include the assessment of civil penalties and orders requiring compliance within a specified time period.

Existing law authorizes the secretary to delegate the operation of the expedited enforcement program to the appropriate personnel. Existing law provides that expedited enforcement actions are not subject to legal review by the department's chief legal officer.

Prior law authorized the secretary to issue expedited actions for minor and moderate violations and issue a fine not to exceed \$1,500 per violation or \$3,000 per violator.

New law increases the maximum penalty in an expedited action from \$1,500 per violation to \$3,000 per violation or from \$3,000 per violator to \$5,000 per violator.

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