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Abstract: Provides relative to the maximum fine for certain violations of building code ordinances in New Orleans.

<u>Present law</u> (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 <u>present law</u> does not apply to any non-moving or parking violation or any other traffic violation.

<u>Present law</u> (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.

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

<u>Proposed law</u> 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))