

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 554

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILFORD CARTER

HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Provides relative to civil monetary penalties for violations by healthcare facilities

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2199(B)(2)(a) through (d) and to enact R.S. 40:2199(B)(4)  
3 and (5), relative to violations at healthcare facilities; to provide for penalties; to  
4 provide for untimely reports of abuse; to direct the Louisiana Department of Health  
5 to submit a report; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:2199(B)(2)(a) through (d) are hereby amended and reenacted and  
8 R.S. 40:2199(B)(4) and (5) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §2199. Violations; penalties; fines; notice; hearings; appeal; licensed entities

10 B.

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12 (2) A schedule of civil fines by class of violations shall be as follows:

13 (a) Class A - Violations that create a condition or occurrence relating to the  
14 operation and maintenance of a facility, which result in death or serious harm to a  
15 resident or client. Civil fines shall not exceed ~~two thousand five hundred~~ five  
16 thousand dollars for the first violation and shall not exceed ten ~~five~~ thousand dollars  
17 per day for repeat violations.

18 (b) Class B -Violations that create a condition or occurrence relating to the  
19 operation and maintenance of a facility which create a substantial probability that  
20 death or serious physical or mental harm to a resident or client will result from the

1 violation. Civil fines shall not exceed ~~one~~ two thousand five hundred dollars for the  
2 first violation and shall not exceed ~~three~~ six thousand dollars per day for repeat  
3 violations.

4 (c) Class C - Violations that create a condition or occurrence relating to the  
5 operation and maintenance of a facility which create a potential for harm by directly  
6 threatening the health, safety, rights, or welfare of a resident or client. Civil fines  
7 shall not exceed ~~one~~ two thousand dollars for the first violation and shall not exceed  
8 ~~two~~ four thousand dollars per day for repeat violations.

9 (d) Class D - Violations related to administrative and reporting requirements  
10 that do not directly threaten the health, safety, rights, or welfare of a resident or  
11 client. Civil fines shall not exceed ~~one~~ two hundred dollars for the first violation and  
12 shall not exceed ~~two hundred fifty~~ five hundred dollars per day for repeat violations.

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14 (4) If a facility fails to report abuse, neglect, serious injury, or death in a  
15 timely manner, a penalty may be assessed as a separate violation for each day  
16 delayed.

17 (5) On November first of each year, the Louisiana Department of Health  
18 shall publish a report of penalties assessed, penalties collected, repeat violations, and  
19 facilities with three or more deficiencies within a twelve-month period. The  
20 department shall submit the report to the David R. Poynter Legislative Library.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Modifies penalties for certain healthcare facilities for violations that result in harm to or increase the likelihood of harm to a resident or patient of the facility.

Present law provides facilities with violations that create a condition or occurrence relating to the operation and maintenance of a facility, which results in death or serious harm to a resident or client, known as a Class A violation, shall be fined not more than \$2,500 for a first violation and not more than \$5,000 per day for repeat violations.

Proposed law modifies present law and increases the civil fine for the first violation to \$5,000 and increases the per day violation to \$10,000 per day for repeat violations.

Present law provides facilities with violations that create a condition or occurrence relating to the operation and maintenance of a facility, which creates a substantial probability that death or serious physical or mental harm to a resident or client will occur, known as a Class B violation, shall be fined not more than \$1,500 for a first violation and not more than \$3,000 per day for repeat violations.

Proposed law modifies present law and increases the civil fine for the first violation to \$3,000 and increases the per day violation to \$6,000 per day for repeat violations.

Present law provides facilities with violations that create a condition or occurrence relating to the operation and maintenance of a facility, which creates a potential for harm directly threatening the health, safety, rights, or welfare of a resident or client, known as a Class C violation, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 for a first violation and not more than \$2,000 per day for repeat violations.

Proposed law modifies present law and increases the civil fine for the first violation to \$2,000 and increases the per day violation to \$4,000 per day for repeat violations.

Present law provides facilities with violations that create a condition or occurrence relating to the operation and maintenance of a facility, which creates a potential for harm directly threatening the health, safety, rights, or welfare of a resident or client, known as a Class D violation, shall be fined not more than \$100 for a first violation and not more than \$200 per day for repeat violations.

Proposed law modifies present law and increases the civil fine for the first violation to \$200 and increases the per day violation to \$400 per day for repeat violations.

Proposed law authorizes the assessment of a separate penalty for each day a facility fails to timely report abuse, neglect, serious injury, or death.

Proposed law requires the Louisiana Department of Health to publish an annual report detailing penalties assessed, penalties collected, repeat violations, and facilities cited for three or more deficiencies within a twelve-month period.

(Amends R.S. 40:2199(B)(2)(a)-(d); Adds R.S. 40:2199(B)(4) and (5))