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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))