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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to civil penalties under the Gas 3 Safety Law of 1967; amending s. 368.061, F.S.; 4 increasing the civil penalty amount for violating The 5 Gas Safety Law of 1967; requiring the Florida Public 6 Service Commission, after a date certain and annually 7 thereafter, to establish and revise maximum penalties 8 by rule based on specified factors; providing 9 rulemaking authority; providing an effective date. 10 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 12 Subsection (1) of section 368.061, Florida 13 Section 1. Statutes, is amended, and subsection (4) is added to that 14 15 section, to read: 16 368.061 Penalty.-A Any person who violates any provision of this part, 17 18 or any regulation issued hereunder, is shall be subject to a 19 civil penalty not to exceed the following: (a) Until June 30, 2025, \$266,015 \$25,000 for each 20 21 violation for each day that the such violation persists, except 22 that the maximum civil penalty may shall not exceed \$2,660,135

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the Florida Public Service Commission by rule. In establishing

(b) After July 1, 2025, maximum penalties established by

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\$500,000 for any related series of violations.

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such penalties, the commission must consider the penalties
established in paragraph (a) and make revisions based upon
consideration of the consumer price index, penalties established
in federal law for pipeline safety violations, and the intent of
the Legislature that the commission maintain its certification
with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration,
or any of its successor agencies, to enforce pipeline safety.
The commission shall review the penalties established in this
paragraph at least annually and revise, as necessary, using the
considerations specified in this paragraph.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.