OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 7344 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES FOR REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS OR ORDINANCES.

SUMMARY

This bill increases, from $2,500 to $5,500, the maximum civil penalty that may be imposed on individuals who (1) fail to comply with an order to discontinue a zoning violation within 10 days of being served with the order, (2) fail to immediately comply with a cease and desist order involving land grading or earth removal, or (3) continue to violate the regulations specified in either order. Under the bill, the civil penalty may also be imposed on individuals who initially comply with such orders but subsequently engage in conduct that violates them.

The bill also makes a technical change to the provision that makes certain zoning violation fines payable by mail like infractions.

*House Amendment “A” lowers the maximum civil penalty from $7,500 to $5,500.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 24 Nay 14 (04/10/2019)