

HB 419 -- Gas Pipeline Safety

Sponsor: Willoughby

This bill allows state penalties for violations of mandated safety standards in the federal National Gas Pipeline Safety Act to equal, but not exceed, the maximum state penalties specified in the federal law. The Public Service Commission must consider the nature, circumstances, and gravity of the violation in determining the amount of any penalty. The bill also adds municipalities that own gas plants to the list of entities subject to fines of \$100 to \$2,000 per offense for violations of most commission laws, rules, or orders.