

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 5292

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GAS PIPELINE SAFETY VIOLATIONS--CIVIL PENALTIES

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Passed by the Senate April 19, 1995
YEAS 42 NAYS 0

JOEL PRITCHARD

President of the Senate

Passed by the House April 5, 1995
YEAS 97 NAYS 0

CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved May 5, 1995

MIKE LOWRY

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5292** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MARTY BROWN

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senators Sutherland and Finkbeiner

Read first time 01/18/95. Referred to Committee on Energy,
Telecommunications & Utilities.

1 AN ACT Relating to civil penalties for violation of gas pipeline
2 safety regulations; amending RCW 80.28.212; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 80.28.212 and 1969 ex.s. c 210 s 3 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Any gas company which violates any provision of RCW 80.28.210 as
7 now exists or is later amended or of any regulation issued thereunder,
8 shall be subject to a civil penalty to be directly assessed by the
9 commission(~~(7)~~). The level of such penalty shall be set by rule by the
10 commission and shall not ((to)) exceed ((one thousand dollars for each
11 violation for each day that the violation persists, but the maximum
12 civil penalty shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars for any
13 related series of violations)) the penalties specified in federal
14 pipeline safety laws (49 U.S.C. 60101 et seq.) in effect on the
15 effective date of this act. Any civil penalty may be compromised by
16 the commission. In determining the amount of the penalty, or the
17 amount agreed upon and compromised, the appropriateness of the penalty
18 to the size of the business of the person charged, the gravity of the
19 violation, and the good faith of the gas company charged in attempting

1 to achieve compliance after notification of the violation, shall be
2 considered. The amount of the penalty, when finally determined, or
3 the amount agreed upon and compromised, may be recovered in a civil
4 action in the superior court of Thurston county or of some other county
5 in which such violator may do business. In all such actions for
6 recovery the procedure and rules of evidence shall be the same as in
7 ordinary civil actions. All penalties recovered under this title shall
8 be paid into the state treasury and credited to the public service
9 revolving fund.

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