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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Latvala) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 393 and 394

insert:

Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 377.37, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

377.37 Penalties.—

(1) (a) Any person who violates any provision of this law or any rule, regulation, or order of the division made under this chapter or who violates the terms of any permit to drill for or



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11 produce oil, gas, or other petroleum products referred to in s.
12 377.242(1) or to store gas in a natural gas storage facility, or
13 any lessee, permitholder, or operator of equipment or facilities
14 used in the exploration for, drilling for, or production of oil,
15 gas, or other petroleum products, or storage of gas in a natural
16 gas storage facility, who refuses inspection by the division as
17 provided in this chapter, is liable to the state for any damage
18 caused to the air, waters, or property, including animal, plant,
19 or aquatic life, of the state and for reasonable costs and
20 expenses of the state in tracing the source of the discharge, in
21 controlling and abating the source and the pollutants, and in
22 restoring the air, waters, and property, including animal,
23 plant, and aquatic life, of the state. Furthermore, such person,
24 lessee, permitholder, or operator is subject to the judicial
25 imposition of a civil penalty in an amount of not more than
26 \$25,000 ~~\$10,000~~ for each offense. However, the court may receive
27 evidence in mitigation. Each day during any portion of which
28 such violation occurs constitutes a separate offense. Nothing
29 herein shall give the department the right to bring an action on
30 behalf of any private person.

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32 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

33 And the title is amended as follows:

34 Delete line 19

35 and insert:

36 agreements under certain circumstances; amending s.
37 377.37, F.S.; increasing the maximum amount for civil
38 penalties; providing an