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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; increasing fines relating to pipeline violations; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 299F.60, subdivision 1; 299J.16, subdivision 1.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 299F.60, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Money penalty.** Any person who violates any provision of sections
1.7 299F.56 to 299F.641, or any rule issued thereunder, ~~shall be~~ is subject to a civil penalty to
1.8 be imposed by the commissioner not to exceed ~~\$10,000~~ \$100,000 for each ~~such~~ violation
1.9 for each day that ~~such~~ the violation persists, except that the maximum civil penalty ~~shall~~
1.10 must not exceed ~~\$500,000~~ \$1,000,000 for any related series of violations.

1.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 299J.16, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.12 Subdivision 1. **Civil penalty.** (a) A pipeline operator who violates section 299J.07,
1.13 subdivision 1, or 299J.15, or the rules of the commissioner implementing those sections,
1.14 shall forfeit and pay to the state a civil penalty in an amount to be determined by the court,
1.15 up to ~~\$10,000~~ \$100,000 for each day that the operator remains in violation, subject to a
1.16 maximum of ~~\$500,000~~ \$1,000,000 for a related series of violations.

1.17 (b) The penalty provided under this subdivision may be recovered by an action
1.18 brought by the attorney general at the request of the commissioner, in the name of the
1.19 state, in connection with an action to recover expenses of the director under section
1.20 299J.13, subdivision 4:

1.21 (1) in the District Court of Ramsey County; or

1.22 (2) in the county of the defendant's residence.