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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 260.240, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to solid waste penalty assessments.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 260.240, RSMo, is repealed and one new section 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 260.240, to read as follows:

260.240. 1. In the event the director determines that any provision of sections 260,200 to 260,245 and 260,330 or any standard, rule, regulation, final order or approved plan promulgated pursuant thereto is being, was, or is in imminent danger of being violated, the director may, in addition to those remedies provided in section 260.230, cause to have instituted a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction for injunctive relief to prevent any such violation or further violation or in the case of violations concerning [a solid waste disposal area or a solid waste processing facility, for the assessment of a penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars per day [for each day], or part thereof, the violation occurred and continues to occur, or both, as the court deems proper or 11 in the case of violations concerning a solid waste disposal area and in the case of a violation of section 260.330 by a solid waste processing facility, for the 12 assessment of a penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars per day, or part 13 thereof, the violation occurred and continues to occur, or both, as the court deems 14 15 proper. A civil monetary penalty under this section shall not be assessed for a violation where an administrative penalty was assessed under section 16 260.249. The director may request either the attorney general or a prosecuting 17attorney to bring any action authorized in this section in the name of the people 18 of the state of Missouri. Suit can be brought in any county where the defendant's

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principal place of business is located or where the violation occurred. Any offer of settlement to resolve a civil penalty under this section shall be in writing, shall state that an action for imposition of a civil penalty may be initiated by the attorney general or a prosecuting attorney representing the department under authority of this section, and shall identify any dollar amount as an offer of settlement which shall be negotiated in good faith through conference, conciliation and persuasion.

- 2. Any rule, regulation, standard or order of a county commission, adopted pursuant to the provisions of sections 260.200 to 260.245, may be enforced in a civil action for mandatory or prohibitory injunctive relief or for the assessment of a penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars per day for each day, or part thereof, that a violation of such rule, regulation, standard or order of a county commission occurred and continues to occur, or both, as the commission deems proper. The county commission may request the prosecuting attorney or other attorney to bring any action authorized in this section in the name of the people of the state of Missouri.
- 36 3. The liabilities imposed by this section shall not be imposed due to any violation caused by an act of God, war, strike, riot or other catastrophe.

