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1	AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 418
2	AMENDMENT NO Amend House Bill 418 on page 1, line
3	5, by replacing "adding" with "changing Section 42 and by
4	adding"; and
5	on page 1, immediately below line 5, by inserting the
6	following:
7	"(415 ILCS 5/42) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1042)
8	Sec. 42. Civil penalties.
9	(a) Except as provided in this Section, any person that
10	violates any provision of this Act or any regulation adopted
11	by the Board, or any permit or term or condition thereof, or
12	that violates any order of the Board pursuant to this Act,
13	shall be liable for a civil penalty of not to exceed \$50,000
14	for the violation and an additional civil penalty of not to
15	exceed \$10,000 for each day during which the violation
16	continues; such penalties may, upon order of the Board or a

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1 court of competent jurisdiction, be made payable to the 2 Environmental Protection Trust Fund, to be used in accordance 3 with the provisions of the Environmental Protection Trust Fund 4 Act.

5 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of 6 this Section:

7 (1) Any person that violates Section 12(f) of this Act
8 or any NPDES permit or term or condition thereof, or any
9 filing requirement, regulation or order relating to the
10 NPDES permit program, shall be liable to a civil penalty
11 of not to exceed \$10,000 per day of violation.

12 (2) Any person that violates Section 12(q) of this Act 13 or any UIC permit or term or condition thereof, or any 14 filing requirement, regulation or order relating to the 15 State UIC program for all wells, except Class II wells as defined by the Board under this Act, shall be liable to a 16 civil penalty not to exceed \$2,500 per day of violation; 17 provided, however, that any person who commits such 18 19 violations relating to the State UIC program for Class II 20 wells, as defined by the Board under this Act, shall be 21 liable to a civil penalty of not to exceed \$10,000 for the 22 violation and an additional civil penalty of not to exceed 23 \$1,000 for each day during which the violation continues.

(3) Any person that violates Sections 21(f), 21(g),
21(h) or 21(i) of this Act, or any RCRA permit or term or
condition thereof, or any filing requirement, regulation

1 or order relating to the State RCRA program, shall be 2 liable to a civil penalty of not to exceed \$25,000 per day 3 of violation.

(4) In an administrative citation action under Section 4 31.1 of this Act, any person found to have violated any 5 provision of subsection (o) of Section 21 of this Act 6 shall pay a civil penalty of \$500 for each violation of 7 8 each such provision, plus any hearing costs incurred by 9 the Board and the Agency. Such penalties shall be made 10 payable to the Environmental Protection Trust Fund, to be in accordance with provisions 11 used the of the 12 Environmental Protection Trust Fund Act; except that if a 13 local government issued the administrative unit of 14 citation, 50% of the civil penalty shall be payable to the 15 unit of local government.

In an administrative citation action under 16 (4 - 5)17 Section 31.1 of this Act, any person found to have violated any provision of subsection (p) of Section 21, 18 19 Section 22.51, Section 22.51a, or subsection (k) of 20 Section 55 of this Act shall pay a civil penalty of \$1,500 for each violation of each such provision, plus any 21 22 hearing costs incurred by the Board and the Agency, except 23 that the civil penalty amount shall be \$3,000 for each 24 violation of any provision of subsection (p) of Section 25 21, Section 22.51, Section 22.51a, or subsection (k) of 26 Section 55 that is the person's second or subsequent 10200HB0418ham001 -4- LRB102 03903 CPF 23083 a

adjudication violation of that provision. The penalties shall be deposited into the Environmental Protection Trust Fund, to be used in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Protection Trust Fund Act; except that if a unit of local government issued the administrative citation, 50% of the civil penalty shall be payable to the unit of local government.

8 (5) Any person who violates subsection 6 of Section 9 39.5 of this Act or any CAAPP permit, or term or condition 10 thereof, or any fee or filing requirement, or any duty to 11 allow or carry out inspection, entry or monitoring 12 activities, or any regulation or order relating to the 13 CAAPP shall be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed 14 \$10,000 per day of violation.

15 (6) Any owner or operator of a community water system 16 that violates subsection (b) of Section 18.1 or subsection 17 (a) of Section 25d-3 of this Act shall, for each day of 18 violation, be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$5 19 for each of the premises connected to the affected 20 community water system.

(7) Any person who violates Section 52.5 of this Act shall be liable for a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for the first violation of that Section and a civil penalty of up to \$2,500 for a second or subsequent violation of that Section.

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(8) Any person who violates Section 52.10 of this Act

1 shall be liable for a civil penalty of up to \$500 for the 2 first violation of that Section and a civil penalty of up 3 to \$1,000 for a second or subsequent violation of that 4 Section. The release of 50 balloons or fewer at one time is 5 a single offense under that Section.

(b.5) In lieu of the penalties set forth in subsections 6 (a) and (b) of this Section, any person who fails to file, in a 7 timely manner, toxic chemical release forms with the Agency 8 9 pursuant to Section 25b-2 of this Act shall be liable for a 10 civil penalty of \$100 per day for each day the forms are late, 11 not to exceed a maximum total penalty of \$6,000. This daily penalty shall begin accruing on the thirty-first day after the 12 13 date that the person receives the warning notice issued by the Agency pursuant to Section 25b-6 of this Act; and the penalty 14 15 shall be paid to the Agency. The daily accrual of penalties 16 shall cease as of January 1 of the following year. All penalties collected by the Agency pursuant to this subsection 17 shall be deposited into the Environmental Protection Permit 18 19 and Inspection Fund.

(c) Any person that violates this Act, any rule or regulation adopted under this Act, any permit or term or condition of a permit, or any Board order and causes the death of fish or aquatic life shall, in addition to the other penalties provided by this Act, be liable to pay to the State an additional sum for the reasonable value of the fish or aquatic life destroyed. Any money so recovered shall be placed 1 in the Wildlife and Fish Fund in the State Treasury.

2 (d) The penalties provided for in this Section may be3 recovered in a civil action.

4 (e) The State's Attorney of the county in which the 5 violation occurred, or the Attorney General, may, at the request of the Agency or on his own motion, institute a civil 6 action for an injunction, prohibitory or mandatory, to 7 restrain violations of this Act, any rule or regulation 8 9 adopted under this Act, any permit or term or condition of a 10 permit, or any Board order, or to require such other actions as 11 may be necessary to address violations of this Act, any rule or regulation adopted under this Act, any permit or term or 12 condition of a permit, or any Board order. 13

14 (f) The State's Attorney of the county in which the 15 violation occurred, or the Attorney General, shall bring such 16 actions in the name of the people of the State of Illinois. Without limiting any other authority which may exist for the 17 awarding of attorney's fees and costs, the Board or a court of 18 19 competent jurisdiction may award costs and reasonable 20 attorney's fees, including the reasonable costs of expert witnesses and consultants, to the State's Attorney or the 21 22 Attorney General in a case where he has prevailed against a 23 person who has committed a willful, knowing, or repeated 24 violation of this Act, any rule or regulation adopted under 25 this Act, any permit or term or condition of a permit, or any 26 Board order.

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Any funds collected under this subsection (f) in which the Attorney General has prevailed shall be deposited in the Hazardous Waste Fund created in Section 22.2 of this Act. Any funds collected under this subsection (f) in which a State's Attorney has prevailed shall be retained by the county in which he serves.

(q) All final orders imposing civil penalties pursuant to 7 8 this Section shall prescribe the time for payment of such 9 penalties. If any such penalty is not paid within the time 10 prescribed, interest on such penalty at the rate set forth in 11 subsection (a) of Section 1003 of the Illinois Income Tax Act, shall be paid for the period from the date payment is due until 12 the date payment is received. However, if the time for payment 13 14 is stayed during the pendency of an appeal, interest shall not 15 accrue during such stay.

(h) In determining the appropriate civil penalty to be
imposed under subdivisions (a), (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3),
(b)(5), (b)(6), or (b)(7) of this Section, the Board is
authorized to consider any matters of record in mitigation or
aggravation of penalty, including, but not limited to, the
following factors:

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(1) the duration and gravity of the violation;

(2) the presence or absence of due diligence on the part of the respondent in attempting to comply with requirements of this Act and regulations thereunder or to secure relief therefrom as provided by this Act; 1

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(3) any economic benefits accrued by the respondent because of delay in compliance with requirements, in which case the economic benefits shall be determined by the lowest cost alternative for achieving compliance;

5 (4) the amount of monetary penalty which will serve to 6 deter further violations by the respondent and to 7 otherwise aid in enhancing voluntary compliance with this 8 Act by the respondent and other persons similarly subject 9 to the Act;

10 (5) the number, proximity in time, and gravity of 11 previously adjudicated violations of this Act by the 12 respondent;

13 (6) whether the respondent voluntarily self-disclosed, 14 in accordance with subsection (i) of this Section, the 15 non-compliance to the Agency;

16 (7) whether the respondent has agreed to undertake a 17 "supplemental environmental project", which means an 18 environmentally beneficial project that a respondent 19 agrees to undertake in settlement of an enforcement action 20 brought under this Act, but which the respondent is not 21 otherwise legally required to perform; and

(8) whether the respondent has successfully completed
a Compliance Commitment Agreement under subsection (a) of
Section 31 of this Act to remedy the violations that are
the subject of the complaint.

26 In determining the appropriate civil penalty to be imposed

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1 under subsection (a) or paragraph (1), (2), (3), (5), (6), or (7) of subsection (b) of this Section, the Board shall ensure, 2 3 in all cases, that the penalty is at least as great as the 4 economic benefits, if any, accrued by the respondent as a 5 result of the violation, unless the Board finds that imposition of such penalty would result in an arbitrary or 6 unreasonable financial hardship. However, such civil penalty 7 may be off-set in whole or in part pursuant to a supplemental 8 9 environmental project agreed to by the complainant and the 10 respondent.

(i) A person who voluntarily self-discloses non-compliance to the Agency, of which the Agency had been unaware, is entitled to a 100% reduction in the portion of the penalty that is not based on the economic benefit of non-compliance if the person can establish the following:

16 (1) that either the regulated entity is a small entity 17 or the non-compliance was discovered through an 18 environmental audit or a compliance management system documented by the regulated entity as reflecting the 19 20 regulated entity's due diligence in preventing, detecting, 21 and correcting violations;

(2) that the non-compliance was disclosed in writing within 30 days of the date on which the person discovered it;

25 (3) that the non-compliance was discovered and 26 disclosed prior to:

(i) the commencement of an Agency inspection, 1 investigation, or request for information; 2 (ii) notice of a citizen suit; 3 (iii) the filing of a complaint by a citizen, the 4 Illinois Attorney General, or the State's Attorney of 5 the county in which the violation occurred; 6 7 (iv) the reporting of the non-compliance by an 8 employee of the person without that person's 9 knowledge; or 10 (v) imminent discovery of the non-compliance by 11 the Agency; (4) that the non-compliance is being corrected and any 12 13 environmental harm is being remediated in a timely 14 fashion; 15 (5) that the person agrees to prevent a recurrence of 16 the non-compliance; 17 (6)that no related non-compliance events have occurred in the past 3 years at the same facility or in the 18 19 past 5 years as part of a pattern at multiple facilities 20 owned or operated by the person; 21 (7) that the non-compliance did not result in serious 22 actual harm or present an imminent and substantial 23 endangerment to human health or the environment or violate 24 the specific terms of any judicial or administrative order 25 or consent agreement; 26 (8) that the person cooperates as reasonably requested 1

by the Agency after the disclosure; and

2 (9) that the non-compliance was identified voluntarily 3 and not through a monitoring, sampling, or auditing 4 procedure that is required by statute, rule, permit, 5 judicial or administrative order, or consent agreement.

6 If a person can establish all of the elements under this 7 subsection except the element set forth in paragraph (1) of 8 this subsection, the person is entitled to a 75% reduction in 9 the portion of the penalty that is not based upon the economic 10 benefit of non-compliance.

For the purposes of this subsection (i), "small entity" has the same meaning as in Section 221 of the federal Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (5 U.S.C. 601).

(j) In addition to any other remedy or penalty that may apply, whether civil or criminal, any person who violates Section 22.52 of this Act shall be liable for an additional civil penalty of up to 3 times the gross amount of any pecuniary gain resulting from the violation.

(k) In addition to any other remedy or penalty that may apply, whether civil or criminal, any person who violates subdivision (a) (7.6) of Section 31 of this Act shall be liable for an additional civil penalty of \$2,000.

24 (Source: P.A. 99-934, eff. 1-27-17; 100-436, eff. 8-25-17; 25 100-863, eff. 8-14-18.)"; and 10200HB0418ham001 -12- LRB102 03903 CPF 23083 a

- 1 on page 1, line 17, by deleting "<u>knowingly</u>"; and
- 2 by deleting lines 3 through 5 on page 2.