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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

330 ILCS 60/6

from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 34

Amends the Service Men's Employment Tenure Act. Provides that an employer's violation of the Act is a business offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$10,000. Authorizes the taxing of fees and costs against an employer in a civil action. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

HB4660

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AN ACT concerning military personnel.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Service Men's Employment Tenure Act is 5 amended by changing Section 6 as follows:

7 Sec. 6. <u>Employer's violation of Act; penalty; employee's</u> 8 <u>remedies.</u>

9 <u>(a) An employer's violation of this Act is a business</u> 10 <u>offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$5,000 and not</u> 11 <u>more than \$10,000.</u>

(b) In case any employer fails or refuses to comply with 12 this Act, the circuit court of the county in which such private 13 14 employer maintains a place of business, or of the county where 15 such State employee performs most of his duties, has power, upon the filing of a complaint by the person entitled to the 16 17 benefits of this Act, to specifically require such employer to 18 comply with this Act and to compensate such person for any loss 19 of wages or benefits suffered by reason of such employer's 20 unlawful action, together with a reasonable attorney's fee and the person's other fees and costs incurred in maintaining the 21 22 action. No fees or court costs shall be taxed against any 23 person applying for the benefits of this Act.

The court shall, in its sound discretion, give preference to the hearing and disposition of such cases over other matters then pending before it.

27 (Source: P.A. 79-1359; 79-1365.)

28 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 29 becoming law.