

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2023 and 2024 SB3371

Introduced 2/7/2024, by Sen. Ann Gillespie

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

430 ILCS 15/7

from Ch. 127 1/2, par. 159

Amends the Gasoline Storage Act. Provides that, if a leak of petroleum or a petroleum product occurs from a storage tank regulated by the Act and if the leak results in injury to any person or damage to any person's property, then the owner of the storage tank is strictly liable in civil damages to the person for the full amount of the injury or property damage proximately caused by the leak. Provides that the civil damages are in addition to damages under the Hazardous Material Emergency Response Reimbursement Act.

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1 AN ACT concerning safety.

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

- Section 5. The Gasoline Storage Act is amended by changing Section 7 as follows:
- 6 (430 ILCS 15/7) (from Ch. 127 1/2, par. 159)
- 7 Sec. 7. (a) A violation of:
- 8 (1) paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (3) of Section 9 2 of this Act is a business offense punishable by a fine of 10 not more than \$10,000 per day;
- 11 (2) (blank);

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- 12 (3) Section 4 of this Act is a business offense 13 punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000 per day;
 - (3.5) Section 3.5 of this Act is a business offense punishable by fine of not more than \$10,000 per offense;
 - (4) an administrative order as described in paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of Section 2, paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of Section 2 or subsection (c) of Section 6 after it has become final is a business offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$25,000 per day;
 - (5) any other rule promulgated by the Office of the State Fire Marshal is a business offense punishable by a

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- fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 for each offense or each day of continued violation.
- 3 (b) If a leak of petroleum or a petroleum product occurs from any storage tank regulated by this Act or rules adopted 4 5 under this Act, be it aboveground or underground, and if the 6 leak results in injury to any person or damage to any person's property, then the owner of the storage tank is strictly 7 8 liable in civil damages to the person for the full amount of 9 the injury or property damage proximately caused by the leak. 10 Damages paid by those liable under this subsection are to be 11 paid in addition to any damages required to be paid under the 12 Hazardous Material Emergency Response Reimbursement Act 13 (Blank).
- 14 (c) A civil action to recover such fines may be brought by
 15 the Attorney General or the State's Attorney of the county in
 16 which the violation occurred.
 - (d) Any monies received by the State under this Section shall be deposited into the Underground Storage Tank Fund.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 92-618, eff. 7-11-02.)