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March 3, 2021

SENATE BILL NO. 535

By: Bergstrom of the Senate

and

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An Act relating to the Corporation Commission; amending 17 O.S. 2011, Section 6.1, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 185, O.S.L. 2016 (17 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 6.1), which relates to pipeline safety; increasing maximum daily and administrative penalty amount; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 2011, Section 6.1, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 185, O.S.L. 2016 (17 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 6.1), is amended to read as follows:

A. Any person who has been determined by the Commission to have violated any provision of any rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant to the provisions of the Commission related to pipeline safety shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than ~~One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)~~ Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for each day that ~~said~~ the violation continues. The maximum civil penalty shall not exceed ~~One Million Dollars~~

1 ~~(\$1,000,000.00)~~ Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for any related
2 series of violations.

3 B. The amount of the penalty shall be assessed by the
4 Commission pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this
5 section, after notice and hearing. In determining the amount of the
6 penalty, the Commission shall include but not be limited to
7 consideration of the nature, circumstances, and gravity of the
8 violation and, with respect to the person found to have committed
9 the violation, the degree of culpability, the effect on ability of
10 the person to continue to do business, and any show of good faith in
11 attempting to achieve compliance with the provisions of the rules
12 and regulations of the Commission.

13 All penalties collected pursuant to the provisions of this
14 section shall be deposited into the Pipeline Enforcement Fund.

15 C. Any person who willfully and knowingly injures or destroys,
16 or attempts to injure or destroy, any pipeline transportation
17 system, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a felony and shall be
18 subject for each offense to a fine of not more than Twenty-five
19 Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) or imprisonment for a term not to
20 exceed fifteen (15) years or both such fine and imprisonment.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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