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> SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to S. P. 799, L.D. 2003, Bill, "AN ACT to Assure Compliance with Existing Laws Affecting Disabled Persons' Access to Certain Buildings Open to the Public."

Amend the Bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

'<u>Sec. 5-A. 5 MRSA §4613, sub-§2, </u>B, <u>sub-</u>(6-A) is enacted to read:

(6-A) For a violation of section 4593, an order to pay to the State ______ civil penal damages not more than the sum of the cost to correct the violation and the damages provided in subparagraph 7; or an order to correct the violation. Each violation shall be a separate offense;'

Further amend the Bill by inserting after the first paragraph of subsection 6-A of section 4 the following underlined paragraph:

ensure compliance with section 2702 and Title 5, section 4593.

Further amend the Bill by inserting after section 10 the following:

'Sec. 10-A. 25 MRSA §2704, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 80, §4, is amended to read:

Any violation of this chapter by any person, firm or organization responsible for the design or construction of any SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 799, L.D. 2003

public building or facility shall be a civil violation punishable by a fine of not more than <u>the cost to correct the violation</u> <u>plus</u> \$500, or subject to other appropriate equitable relief designed to secure substantial compliance with this chapter. Each violation shall be a separate offense.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment makes 2 changes to the bill.

1. It provides that the State Fire Marshal shall ensure compliance with barrier free provisions of the Muman rights act and of Title 25. Under this authority, he may initiate an adjudicatory proceeding or a suit,

2. It provides that fines imposed under the above 2 laws may relate directly to the economic advantage associated with not observing them.

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