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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 671, L.D. 1843, Bill, "An Act to Extend Penalty Sanctions to Employee Health Benefit Plans"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§626-A.~~" in the first paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "any of the provisions" and inserting in its place the following: '~~any of the provisions~~ a provision'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§626-A.~~" in the first paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "shall be" and inserting in its place the following: '~~shall be~~ is'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§626-A.~~" by striking out all of the 2nd paragraph (page 1, lines 13 to 21 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Any An employer ~~shall--be~~ is liable to the employee or employees for the amount of unpaid wages and health benefits. Upon a judgment being rendered in favor of any an employee or employees, in any an action brought to recover unpaid wages or health benefits under this subchapter, such the judgment shall must include, in addition to the unpaid wages or health benefits adjudged to be due, a reasonable rate of interest, an additional amount equal to twice the amount of such the wages or health benefits as liquidated damages and costs of suit including a reasonable attorney's fee.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill. This amendment also conforms existing law to current drafting standards.