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INCREASE FINES FOR UNSPECIFIED CRIMINAL PENALTIES

House Bill 5858

Sponsor: Rep. Jennifer Faunce

Committee: Criminal Justice

Complete to 5-17-02

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5858 AS INTRODUCED 4-9-02

When a criminal violation is specified in statute only as a misdemeanor or felony, but no maximum penalty is specified, the Michigan Penal Code provides that the maximum penalty for a felony is up to four years' imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$2,000; a misdemeanor is punishable by up to 90 days' imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$100.

The bill would amend the penal code to increase the maximum fine in the penalty that applies to a felony or misdemeanor for which no other punishment is prescribed. For a felony, the bill would raise the maximum fine from \$2,000 to \$5,000. For a misdemeanor, the bill would raise the maximum fine from \$100 to \$500.

(Note: The bill is identical to Senate Bill 1028, which has been passed by the Senate.)

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