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H.B. No. 1906

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to the fine or penalty for the violation of a rule,
3 ordinance, or police regulation governing certain offenses in
4 certain municipalities.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 54.001(b), Local Government Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (b) A fine or penalty for the violation of a rule,
9 ordinance, or police regulation may not exceed \$500. However:

10 (1) ~~[]~~ a fine or penalty for the violation of a rule,
11 ordinance, or police regulation that governs fire safety, zoning,
12 or public health and sanitation, including dumping of refuse, may
13 not exceed \$2,000; or

14 (2) a fine or penalty for the violation of a rule,
15 ordinance, or police regulation that is adopted by a municipality
16 with a population of 1.9 million or more and that governs municipal
17 beautification may not exceed \$2,000.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2001, and the
19 change in law made by this Act applies only to the violation of a
20 rule, ordinance, or police regulation committed on or after that
21 date. The violation of a rule, ordinance, or police regulation
22 committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the
23 law in effect when the violation was committed, and the former law
24 is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this

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1 section, a violation was committed before the effective date of
2 this Act if any element of the violation occurred before that date.