

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Finance.

HB20-1415 be amended as follows:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 5, line 15, strike "(a)".
- 2 Page 5, line 17, strike "(I)" and substitute "(a)".
- 3 Page 5, line 18, strike "(II)" and substitute "(b)".
- 4 Page 5, strike lines 20 through 24.
- 5 Page 6, line 17, strike "AN" and substitute "WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER AN
- 6 ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE 14.4, AN".
- 7 Page 7, line 19, after "MAY" insert "AWARD REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES
- 8 AND".
- 9 Page 7, line 25, strike "RATE OF".
- 10 Page 8, line 10, strike "WHO HAS EXHAUSTED" and substitute "MAY,
- 11 WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER EXHAUSTING".
- 12 Page 8, line 11, strike "8-14.4-105 MAY" and substitute "8-14.4-105,".
- 13 Page 10, after line 6 insert:  
14 "(5) THE COURT SHALL AWARD REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES TO  
15 A PLAINTIFF WHO PREVAILS IN AN ACTION BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS  
16 SECTION.".
- 17 Page 10, line 15, after "SECTION." add "THE STATE MAY INTERVENE IN THE  
18 ACTION TO PROSECUTE IN ITS OWN NAME.".
- 19 Page 10, line 22, strike "VIOLATION." and substitute "VIOLATION, AND FOR  
20 APPROPRIATE INJUNCTIVE AND EQUITABLE RELIEF. THE COURT SHALL  
21 AWARD THE WHISTLEBLOWER REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES. THE  
22 ATTORNEY FEES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE DISTRIBUTION SPECIFIED IN  
23 SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.".
- 24 Page 10, line 27, strike "WHISTLEBLOWER." and substitute "FIRST  
25 WHISTLEBLOWER WHO FILED THE ACTION.".

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