

CHAPTER 137**AIR AND WATER QUALITY***H.F. 331*

AN ACT relating to environmental protection by authorizing compliance with federal air quality regulations, addressing civil penalties for local governmental water quality violations, and creating penalties.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 455B.103A, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 1, and subsection 5, Code 1993, are amended to read as follows:

If a permit is required pursuant to this chapter for stormwater discharge or an air contaminant source and a facility to be permitted is representative of a class of facilities which could be described and conditioned by a single permit, the director may issue, modify, deny, or revoke a general permit for all of the following conditions:

5. The enforcement provisions of division II of this chapter apply to general permits for air contaminant sources. The enforcement provisions of division III, part 1 of this chapter, apply to general permits for stormwater discharge.

Sec. 2. Section 455B.131, Code 1993, is amended by adding the following new subsection:
NEW SUBSECTION. 9A. "Potential to emit" means the maximum capacity of a stationary source to emit a pollutant under its physical and operational design as defined in rules adopted by the department.

Sec. 3. Section 455B.133, subsections 3 and 8, Code 1993, are amended to read as follows:

3. Adopt, amend, or repeal ambient air quality standards for the atmosphere of this state on the basis of providing air quality necessary to protect the public health and welfare and to reduce emissions contributing to acid rain pursuant to Title IV of the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

8. a. Adopt rules consistent with the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-549, which require the owner or operator of an air contaminant source to obtain an operating permit prior to operation of the source. The rules shall specify the information required to be submitted with the application for a permit and the conditions under which a permit may be granted, modified, suspended, terminated, revoked, reissued, or denied. For sources subject to the provisions of Title IV of the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, permit conditions shall include emission allowances for sulfur dioxide emissions. The commission may impose fees, including fees upon regulated pollutants emitted from an air contaminant source, in an amount sufficient to cover all reasonable costs, direct and indirect, required to develop and administer the permit program in conformance with the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-549. ~~In the case of affected sources and affected~~ Affected units regulated under Title IV of the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-549, such fees shall be collected only as provided in and upon submission of an application pursuant to shall pay operating permit fees in the same manner as other sources subject to operating permit requirements, except as provided in section 408 of the federal Act. The fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the air contaminant source fund created pursuant to section 455B.133B, and shall be utilized solely to cover all reasonable costs required to develop and administer the programs required by Title V of the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-549, including the permit program pursuant to section 502 of the federal Act and the small business stationary source technical and environmental assistance program pursuant to section 507 of the federal Act.

b. Adopt rules allowing the department to issue a state operating permit to an owner or operator of an air contaminant source. The state operating permit granted under this paragraph may only be issued at the request of an air contaminant source and will be used to limit its potential to emit to less than one hundred tons per year of a criteria pollutant as defined

by the United States environmental protection agency or ten tons per year of a hazardous air pollutant or twenty-five tons of any combination of hazardous air pollutants.

Sec. 4. Section 455B.134, subsection 3, paragraph e, Code 1993, is amended to read as follows:

e. A regulated air contaminant source for which a construction permit or conditional permit has been issued shall not be operated unless an operating permit also has been issued for the source. However, if the facility was in compliance with permit conditions prior to the requirement for an operating permit and has made timely application for an operating permit, the facility may continue operation until the operating permit is issued or denied. Operating permits shall contain the requisite conditions and compliance schedules to ensure conformance with state and federal requirements including emission allowances for sulfur dioxide emissions for sources subject to Title IV of the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. If construction of a new air contaminant source is proposed, the department may issue an operating permit concurrently with the construction permit, if possible and appropriate.

Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 455B.146A CRIMINAL ACTION.

1. A person who knowingly violates any provision of division II of this chapter, any permit, rule, standard, or order issued under division II of this chapter, or any condition or limitation included in any permit issued under division II of this chapter, is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor. A conviction for a violation is punishable by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars for each day of violation or by imprisonment for not more than two years, or both. If the conviction is for a second or subsequent violation committed by a person under this section, however, the conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than twenty thousand dollars for each day of violation or by imprisonment for not more than four years, or by both.

2. a. A person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification of any application, record, report, plan, or other document filed or required to be maintained under division II of this chapter, or by any permit, rule, standard, or order issued under division II of this chapter or who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under division II of this chapter, or by any permit, rule, standard, or order issued under division II of this chapter, or who knowingly fails to notify or report as required by division II of this chapter or by any permit, rule, standard, or order issued under division II of this chapter, or by any condition or limitation included in any permit issued under division II of this chapter, is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars per day per violation or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both. If the conviction is for a second or subsequent violation committed by a person under this paragraph, however, the conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than twenty thousand dollars for each day of violation or by imprisonment for not more than two years, or by both.

b. A person who knowingly fails to pay any fee owed the state under any provision of division II of this chapter, or any permit, rule, standard, or order issued under division II of this chapter, is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars per day per violation or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both. If the conviction is for a second or subsequent violation under this paragraph, however, the conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than twenty thousand dollars for each day of violation or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both.

3. A person who negligently releases into the ambient air any hazardous air pollutant or extremely hazardous substance, and who at the time negligently places another person in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than twenty-five thousand dollars for each day of violation or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both. If the conviction is for a second or subsequent negligent violation committed by a person under this section, however, the conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than fifty thousand dollars for each day of violation or by imprisonment for not more than two years, or by both.

4. a. A person who knowingly releases into the ambient air any hazardous air pollutant or extremely hazardous substance, and who knows at the time that the conduct places another person in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury shall, upon conviction, if the person committing the violation is an individual or a government entity, be punished by a fine of not more than fifty thousand dollars per violation or by imprisonment for not more than two years, or by both. However, if the person committing the violation is other than an individual or a government entity, upon conviction the person shall be punished by a fine of not more than one million dollars per violation. If the conviction is for a second or subsequent violation under this paragraph, the conviction is punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or both, as consistent with federal law.

b. In determining whether a defendant who is an individual knew that the violation placed another person in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury the following shall apply:

(1) The defendant is deemed to have knowledge only if the defendant possessed actual awareness or held an actual belief.

(2) Knowledge possessed by a person other than the defendant, and not by the defendant personally, is not attributable to the defendant. In establishing a defendant's possession of actual knowledge, circumstantial evidence may be used, including evidence that the defendant took affirmative action to be shielded from relevant information.

c. It is an affirmative defense that the conduct was freely consented to by the person endangered and that the danger and conduct were reasonably foreseeable hazards of either of the following:

(1) An occupation, a business, or a profession.

(2) Medical treatment or medical or scientific experimentation conducted by professionally approved methods if the person was made aware of the risks involved prior to providing consent. An affirmative defense under this subparagraph shall be established by a preponderance of the evidence.

d. All general defenses, affirmative defenses, and bars to prosecution that are applicable with respect to other criminal offenses apply under paragraph "a". All defenses and bars to prosecution shall be determined by the courts in accordance with the principles of common law as interpreted, taking into consideration the elements of reason and experience. The concepts of justification and legal excuse, as applicable, may be developed, taking into consideration the elements of reason and experience.

e. As used in this subsection, "serious bodily injury" means bodily injury which involves a substantial risk of death, unconsciousness, extreme physical pain, protracted and obvious disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ, or mental faculty.

5. a. Notwithstanding this section, a source required to obtain a permit for construction or modification of a source prior to the date on which the state received delegation of the federal operating permit program which failed to timely file for the permit is subject to the civil penalty for noncompliance in effect at the time.

b. This subsection does not provide an exception from application of the penalties established under this section for failure of a person to file a timely and complete application for a federal construction permit.

c. This subsection does not provide an exception from application of the penalties established in this section for a person who does not file a timely and complete application for a required permit once notified, in writing, by the department of the noncompliance. A person who does not comply following notification of noncompliance is subject to the criminal penalties established under this section.

Sec. 6. Section 455B.147, subsection 2, Code 1993, is amended by striking the subsection.

Sec. 7. **NEW SECTION. 455B.150 COMPLIANCE ADVISORY PANEL.**

A compliance advisory panel shall be created, pursuant to Title V, section 507(e) of the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, to review and report on the effectiveness of the small business technical assistance program required by the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-549.

Sec. 8. NEW SECTION. 455B.192 LOCAL GOVERNMENT — PENALTIES.

Notwithstanding sections 331.302, 331.307, 364.3, and 364.22, a city or county may assess a civil penalty for a violation of this division which is equal to the amount the department has assessed for a violation under this division.

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CHAPTER 138

LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS CONTAINERS

H.F. 360

AN ACT relating to containers used for liquified petroleum gas and providing a penalty.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 101.13 LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS CONTAINERS.

1. If a liquified petroleum gas container designed to hold more than twenty pounds of liquified petroleum gas has the name, mark, initials, or other identifying device of the owner in plainly legible characters on the surface of the container, a person other than the owner or a person authorized by the owner shall not do any of the following:

a. Fill or refill the container with liquified petroleum gas or any other gas or compound except when the owner is unable to supply liquified petroleum gas to a person to whom the owner is leasing or furnishing the container and to whom the owner ordinarily supplies the liquified petroleum gas in which case, the owner shall authorize the refilling of the container by another person designated by the owner.

b. Buy, sell, offer for sale, give, take, loan, deliver or permit to be delivered, or otherwise use the container.

c. Deface, remove, conceal, or change the name, mark, initials, or other identifying device of the owner.

d. Place the name, mark, initials, or other identifying device indicating ownership by any person other than the owner on the container.

2. A person who violates this section is guilty of a simple misdemeanor. Each violation of this section shall constitute a separate offense.

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