

HB 1849 -- MUNICIPAL ZONING VIOLATION REMEDIES (Pratt)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Local Government

Currently, the penalties for zoning violations for municipalities in Jackson County are between \$10 and \$500 for each day of the violation for the first offense, between \$250 and \$1,000 for each day of the violation for the second and subsequent offenses, imprisonment for 10 days for each violation, or both the fine and imprisonment. This bill changes the jurisdiction for these penalty ranges to any city with more than 300,000 inhabitants.

The maximum fine all other municipalities can impose for violating a zoning ordinance or regulation is increased from \$100 to \$250 for each day of the violation for the first offense. The bill also creates the penalty for the second and subsequent offenses at the same building or premises at between \$100 and \$500 for each day of the violation, imprisonment for 10 days for each day of the violation, or both the fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.