

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 651

To amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to modify the provisions relating to citations and penalties.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 17, 1999

Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Wrongful Death
5 Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OSHA CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**

7 Section 17 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act
8 of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 666) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (e)—

1 (A) by striking “fine of not more than
2 \$10,000” and inserting “fine in accordance
3 with section 3571 of title 18, United States
4 Code,”;

5 (B) by striking “six months” and inserting
6 “10 years”;

7 (C) by striking “fine of not more than
8 \$20,000” and inserting “fine in accordance
9 with section 3571 of title 18, United States
10 Code,”;

11 (D) by striking “one year” and inserting
12 “20 years”; and

13 (E) by inserting “under this subsection or
14 subsection (i)” after “first conviction of such
15 person”;

16 (2) in subsection (f), by striking “fine of not
17 more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more
18 than six months,” and inserting “fine in accordance
19 with section 3571 of title 18, United States Code, or
20 by imprisonment for not more than 2 years,”; and

21 (3) in subsection (g), by striking “fine of not
22 more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not
23 more than six months,” and inserting “fine in ac-
24 cordance with section 3571 of title 18, United States

- 1 Code, or by imprisonment for not more than 1
- 2 year,”.

