AN ACT to amend 196.745 (2) (a) of the statutes, relating to: gas safety forfeitures and providing a penalty.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 196.745 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

196.745  (2) (a) A public utility or an agent, as defined in s. 196.66 (3) (a), Any person violating sub. (1), or any order or rule issued under sub. (1), shall forfeit an amount not exceeding $5,000. A director or officer violating sub. (1), or any order or rule issued under sub. (1), shall forfeit an amount not exceeding $2,500. An employe violating sub. (1), or any order or rule issued under sub. (1), shall forfeit an amount not exceeding $25,000. Each day of violation is a separate violation of sub. (1). No person may forfeit an amount exceeding $500,000 for a single persisting violation of sub. (1) or any order or any rule issued under sub. (1).

SECTION 2. Initial applicability. This act first applies to a violation that occurs on the effective date of this SECTION.