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Bill Analysis

SB 647 provides that boards of county commissioners may only establish fines, penalties or other remedies for any offense in violation of its regulations in counties with a population of 200,000 or more. The measure also authorizes such boards to establish penalties for failure to comply with its health inspections as well as property maintenance and building regulations. County employees are required to provide a written warning by certified mail to the property owner and attached to the property of the violation prior to issuing a citation. The measure provides that violations of such regulations shall be subject to a maximum term of imprisonment of 30 days and an additional \$1,000.00 fine for subsequent violations. Fines owed to the board may be enforced as liens on the property. The measure provides that a person may request a court hearing and requires the district attorney to provide all information, evidence, reports, photographs and other materials related to the offense prepared by and in the custody of the designated county personnel who wrote the citation.

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