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Senate Bill 15—Open Meetings Act; Penalty

Sectional Analysis

"An Act relating to the Open Meetings Act; and establishing a civil penalty for violations of the open meeting requirements by members of governmental bodies."

Sec. 1 – AS 44.62.310(h) Page 1, Lines 4-6

Is amended to define the terms “knowingly” and “public official.” Under this section, “knowingly” has the meaning given in AS 11.81.900(a)(2). “Public official” has the meaning given in AS 39.50.200(a)(9).

Sec. 2 – AS 44.62.310 Page 1, Lines 7-10

Is amended to add a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for elected or appointed members of a governmental body who knowingly attend a meeting that violates the Open Meetings Act.

Sec 3 – Page 1, Lines 11-14, Page 2, Line 1

Provides that the penalties added by this bill apply to offenses occurring on or after the effective date of this Act.