

(ii) shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$20 for each month in which a subsequent violation occurs, or \$500 if the failure is the result of a conspiracy between the employer and the employee to not supply the required report or to supply a false or incomplete report, unless the Secretary waives the penalty for cause.

(2) All violations occurring in a single month to the same employing unit shall be considered a single violation.

(e) An assessment under this section is final unless, within 15 days after the mailing of the assessment, an employing unit applies to the Secretary for a hearing. The Secretary may forward the application to the Office of Administrative Hearings for adjudication.

(f) The Department of Human Resources shall reimburse the Secretary for all costs incurred to carry out this section.

Chapter 671 of the Acts of 2000

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the changes to § 13-106 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, as enacted under Section 1 of this Act, shall remain effective for a period of [1 year] 2 YEARS and, at the end of June 30, [2001] 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, the changes to § 13-106 of the State Finance and Procurement Article as enacted under Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved May 15, 2001.

CHAPTER 396

(Senate Bill 542)

AN ACT concerning

State Government - Access to State Agencies Survey of State Departments, Agencies, and Programs - Persons with Limited English Proficiency

FOR the purpose of stating the intent of the General Assembly that State agencies are authorized to provide services to persons with limited English proficiency; requiring certain documents distributed to the public by State agencies to be translated into any language spoken by a certain percentage of either the State population or the population within the geographic service area of a local office of a State agency; requiring State agencies to promulgate certain regulations by a certain date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to access of State agencies by persons with limited English proficiency defining certain terms; requiring that State agencies survey the need for certain services and the measures taken to provide certain services; requiring the Department of Human Resources to develop and distribute certain surveys and review certain