

Senate Bill 353

By: Senators Anderson of the 24th, Jones of the 25th, Stone of the 23rd, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 15 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to regulation of boilers and pressure vessels, so as to establish civil enforcement and
3 penalty authority in the Safety Fire Commissioner for violations concerning the regulation
4 of boilers and pressure vessels; to provide for conditions; to provide for a civil penalty; to
5 provide for rules and regulations; to provide for authority to institute civil actions; to provide
6 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 2 of Chapter 15 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 regulation of boilers and pressure vessels, is amended by adding a new Code section to read
11 as follows:

12 "25-15-31.

13 (a) Any person who violates any provision of this article or any rule, regulation, or order
14 issued by the Commissioner under this article shall, after notice and hearing, be subject to
15 a civil penalty imposed by the Commissioner of not more than \$5,000.00. The imposition
16 of a penalty for a violation of this article shall not be construed as excusing the violation
17 or permitting it to continue. The Commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations for
18 the implementation of this subsection.

19 (b) In addition to other powers granted to the Commissioner under this article, the
20 Commissioner may bring a civil action to enjoin a violation of any provision of this chapter
21 or of any rule, regulation, or order issued by the Commissioner under this article."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.