

HB 166 -- Water Contamination

Sponsor: Meadows

This bill increases the punishment for persons convicted of willfully or negligently causing or permitting any discharge of water contaminants in violation of Missouri's clean water laws. Currently, violators can be fined not less than \$2,500 nor more than \$25,000 per day of violation and/or by imprisonment for not more than one year. Second and successive convictions can have a fine of not more than \$50,000 per day of violation and/or imprisonment of not more than two years. The bill increases the fine to not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$50,000 per day of violation and/or by imprisonment of not less than three years. Second and successive convictions can have a fine of not more than \$100,000 per day of violation and/or imprisonment of not less than four years.