



Home	Bill Information	California Law	Publications	Other Resources	My Subscriptions	My Favorites
------	------------------	----------------	--------------	-----------------	------------------	--------------

Code: Section:

[Up^](#) [Add To My Favorites](#)

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE - HSC

DIVISION 26. AIR RESOURCES [39000 - 44475.3] (*Division 26 repealed and added by Stats. 1975, Ch. 957.*)

PART 4. NONVEHICULAR AIR POLLUTION CONTROL [41500 - 42710] (*Part 4 added by Stats. 1975, Ch. 957.*)

CHAPTER 4. Enforcement [42300 - 42454] (*Chapter 4 added by Stats. 1975, Ch. 957.*)

ARTICLE 3. Penalties [42400 - 42411] (*Article 3 added by Stats. 1975, Ch. 957.*)

42400. (a) Except as otherwise provided in Section 42400.1, 42400.2, 42400.3, 42400.3.5, or 42400.4, any person who violates this part, or any rule, regulation, permit, or order of the state board or of a district, including a district hearing board, adopted pursuant to Part 1 (commencing with Section 39000) to Part 4 (commencing with Section 41500), inclusive, is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or both.

(b) If a violation under subdivision (a) with regard to the failure to operate a vapor recovery system on a gasoline cargo tank is directly caused by the actions of an employee under the supervision of, or of any independent contractor working for, any person subject to this part, the employee or independent contractor, as the case may be, causing the violation is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable as provided in subdivision (a). That liability shall not extend to the person employing the employee or retaining the independent contractor, unless that person is separately guilty of an action that violates this part.

(c) Any person who owns or operates any source of air contaminants in violation of Section 41700 that causes actual injury, as defined in subdivision (d), to the health or safety of a considerable number of persons or the public is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of not more than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than nine months, or both.

(d) As used in this section, "actual injury" means any physical injury that, in the opinion of a licensed physician and surgeon, requires medical treatment involving more than a physical examination.

(e) Each day during any portion of which a violation of subdivision (a) or (c) occurs is a separate offense.

(Amended by Stats. 2017, Ch. 136, Sec. 4. (AB 617) Effective January 1, 2018.)

42400.1. (a) Any person who negligently emits an air contaminant in violation of any provision of this part or any rule, regulation, permit, or order of the state board or of a district pertaining to emission regulations or limitations is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), or imprisonment in a county jail for not more than nine months, or by both that fine and imprisonment.

(b) Any person who negligently emits an air contaminant in violation of Section 41700 that causes great bodily injury, as defined by Section 12022.7 of the Penal Code, to, or death of, any person, is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), or imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment.

(c) Each day during any portion of which a violation occurs is a separate offense.

(Amended by Stats. 2001, Ch. 854, Sec. 11. Effective January 1, 2002.)

42400.2. (a) Any person who emits an air contaminant in violation of any provision of this part, or any order, rule, regulation, or permit of the state board or of a district pertaining to emission regulations or limitations, and who knew of the emission and failed to take corrective action within a reasonable period of time under the circumstances, is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), or imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment.

(b) For purposes of this section, "corrective action" means the termination of the emission violation or the grant of a variance from the applicable order, rule, regulation, or permit pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 42350). If a district regulation

regarding process upsets or equipment breakdowns would allow continued operation of equipment which is emitting air contaminants in excess of allowable limits, compliance with that regulation is deemed to be corrective action.

(c) Any person who owns or operates any source of air contaminants in violation of Section 41700 that causes great bodily injury, as defined by Section 12022.7 of the Penal Code, to, or death of, any person, and who knew of the emission and failed to take corrective action within a reasonable period of time under the circumstances, is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), or imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment.

(d) Each day during any portion of which a violation occurs constitutes a separate offense.

(Amended by Stats. 2001, Ch. 854, Sec. 12. Effective January 1, 2002.)

42400.3. (a) Any person who willfully and intentionally emits an air contaminant in violation of any provision of this part or any rule, regulation, permit, or order of the state board or of a district, pertaining to emission regulations or limitations is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not more than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), or imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment.

(b) Any person who willfully and intentionally, or with reckless disregard for the risk of great bodily injury, as defined by Section 12022.7 of the Penal Code, to, or death of, any person, emits an air contaminant in violation of Section 41700 that results in any unreasonable risk of great bodily injury to, or death of, any person, is guilty of a public offense and is punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000), or imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment. However, if the defendant is a corporation, the maximum fine may be up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

(c) Any person who willfully and intentionally, or with reckless disregard for the risk of great bodily injury, as defined by Section 12022.7 of the Penal Code, to, or death of, any person emits an air contaminant in violation of Section 41700 that causes great bodily injury to, or death of, any person is guilty of a public offense, and is punishable by a fine of not more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), or imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, or both that fine and imprisonment, or is punishable by a fine of not more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), or imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code, or by both that fine and imprisonment. If the defendant is a corporation, the maximum fine may be up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

(d) Each day during any portion of which a violation occurs constitutes a separate offense.

(e) This section does not preclude punishment under Section 189 or 192 of the Penal Code or any other provision of law that provides a more severe punishment.

(f) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Great bodily injury" means great bodily injury as defined by Section 12022.7 of the Penal Code.

(2) "Unreasonable risk of great bodily injury or death" means substantial probability of great bodily injury or death.

(Amended by Stats. 2011, Ch. 15, Sec. 196. (AB 109) Effective April 4, 2011. Operative October 1, 2011, by Sec. 636 of Ch. 15, as amended by Stats. 2011, Ch. 39, Sec. 68.)

42400.3.5. (a) Any person who knowingly violates any rule, regulation, permit, order, fee requirement, or filing requirement of the state board or of a district, including a district hearing board, that is adopted for the control of toxic air contaminants pursuant to Part 1 (commencing with Section 39000) to Part 4 (commencing with Section 41500), inclusive, and for which delegation or approval of implementation and enforcement authority has been obtained pursuant to subdivision (l) of Section 112 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 7412(l)), or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto, is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or both.

(b) Any person who knowingly makes any false material statement, representation, or certification in any form or in any notice or report required by a rule or regulation adopted or permit issued for the control of toxic air contaminants pursuant to Part 1 (commencing with Section 39000) to Part 4 (commencing with Section 41500), inclusive, and for which delegation or approval of implementation and enforcement authority has been obtained pursuant to subdivision (l) of Section 112 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 7412(l)), or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto, or who knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device required by that toxic air contaminant rule, regulation, or permit is subject to a fine of not more than thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than nine months, or both.

(c) Any person who, knowingly and with intent to deceive, falsifies any document required to be kept pursuant to any provision of this part, or any rule, regulation, permit, notice to comply, or order of the state board or of a district, is punishable as provided in subdivision (b).

(d) Subdivisions (a) and (b) shall apply only to those violations that are not otherwise subject to a fine of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more pursuant to Section 42400.1, 42400.2, or 42400.3.

(Added by Stats. 2000, Ch. 805, Sec. 7. Effective January 1, 2001.)

42400.4. (a) In any district where a Title V permit program has been fully approved by the federal Environmental Protection Agency, any person who knowingly violates any federally enforceable permit condition or any fee or filing requirement applicable to a Title V source is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

(b) In any district in which a Title V permit program has been fully approved by the federal Environmental Protection Agency, any person who knowingly makes any false material statement, representation, or certification in any form or in any notice or report required of a Title V source of a federally enforceable permit requirement, or who knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required of a Title V source, is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

(c) The recovery of civil penalties pursuant to Section 42402, 42402.1, 42402.2, or 42402.3 precludes prosecution pursuant to this section for the same offense. When a district refers a violation to a prosecuting agency, the filing of a criminal complaint is grounds requiring the dismissal of any civil action brought pursuant to this article for the same offense.

(d) Each day during any portion of which a violation of subdivision (a) or (b) occurs is a separate offense.

(e) This section shall not become operative in a district until the federal Environmental Protection Agency fully approves that district's Title V permit program.

(f) This section applies only to violations described in subdivisions (a) and (b) that are not otherwise subject to a fine of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more pursuant to Section 42400.1, 42400.2, or 42400.3.

(Amended by Stats. 2001, Ch. 769, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2002.)

42400.5. In addition to the penalties, specified in Section 42400, the cost of putting out any unauthorized open outdoor fires may be imposed on any person violating Section 41800 or 41852.

(Added by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1063.)

42400.6. A fine or monetary penalty specified in Section 39674; subdivision (a), (b), (d), or (e) of Section 42400; Section 42402; or subdivision (a) of Section 44381 of this code, that may be imposed as the result of conduct that is also subject to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 17200) of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code, may be collected either under those provisions of this code, or under that chapter of the Business and Professions Code, but not under both.

(Added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 618, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 1996.)

42400.7. (a) The recovery of civil penalties pursuant to Section 39674, 42401, 42402, 42402.1, 42402.2, 42402.3, or 42402.4 precludes prosecution under Section 42400, 42400.1, 42400.2, 42400.3, 42400.3.5, or 42400.4 for the same offense. When a district refers a violation to a prosecuting agency, the filing of a criminal complaint is grounds requiring the dismissal of any civil action brought pursuant to this article for the same offense.

(b) If the pending civil action described in subdivision (a) includes a request for injunctive relief, that portion of the civil action shall not be dismissed upon the filing of a criminal complaint for the same offense.

(Added by Stats. 2000, Ch. 805, Sec. 8. Effective January 1, 2001.)

42400.8. In determining the amount of fine to impose pursuant to Sections 42400, 42400.1, 42400.2, 42400.3, 42400.3.5, and 42400.4, the court shall consider all relevant circumstances, including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) The extent of harm caused by the violation.

(b) The nature and persistence of the violation.

(c) The length of time over which the violation occurs.

(d) The frequency of past violations.

(e) The record of maintenance.

(f) The unproven or innovative nature of the control equipment.

(g) Any action taken by the person including the nature, extent, and time of response of any cleanup and construction undertaken, to mitigate the violation.

(h) The financial burden on the defendant.

(i) Any other circumstances the court deems relevant.

(Added by Stats. 2000, Ch. 805, Sec. 9. Effective January 1, 2001.)

42401. Any person who intentionally or negligently violates any order of abatement issued by a district pursuant to Section 42450, by a hearing board pursuant to Section 42451, or by the state board pursuant to Section 41505 is liable for a civil penalty of not more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for each day in which the violation occurs.

(Amended by Stats. 1986, Ch. 1453, Sec. 4.)

42402. (a) Except as provided in Sections 42402.1, 42402.2, 42402.3, and 42402.4, any person who violates this part, any order issued pursuant to Section 42316, or any rule, regulation, permit, or order of a district, including a district hearing board, or of the state board issued pursuant to Part 1 (commencing with Section 39000) to Part 4 (commencing with Section 41500), inclusive, is strictly liable for a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

(b) (1) A person who violates any provision of this part, any order issued pursuant to Section 42316, or any rule, regulation, permit or order of a district, including a district hearing board, or of the state board issued pursuant to Part 1 (commencing with Section 39000) to Part 4 (commencing with Section 41500), inclusive, is strictly liable for a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

(2) (A) If a civil penalty in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each day in which a violation occurs is sought, there is no liability under this subdivision if the person accused of the violation alleges by affirmative defense and establishes that the violation was caused by an act that was not the result of intentional conduct or negligent conduct.

(B) Subparagraph (A) does not apply to a violation of federally enforceable requirements that occur at a Title V source in a district in which a Title V permit program has been fully approved.

(C) Subparagraph (A) does not apply to a person who is determined to have violated an annual facility emissions cap established pursuant to a market-based incentive program adopted by a district pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 39616.

(c) A person who owns or operates any source of air contaminants in violation of Section 41700 that causes actual injury, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 42400, to the health and safety of a considerable number of persons or the public, is liable for a civil penalty of not more than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

(d) Each day during any portion of which a violation occurs is a separate offense.

(Amended by Stats. 2018, Ch. 92, Sec. 143. (SB 1289) Effective January 1, 2019.)

42402.1. (a) Any person who negligently emits an air contaminant in violation of this part or any rule, regulation, permit, or order of the state board or of a district, including a district hearing board, pertaining to emission regulations or limitations is liable for a civil penalty of not more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

(b) Any person who negligently emits an air contaminant in violation of Section 41700 that causes great bodily injury, as defined by Section 12022.7 of the Penal Code, to any person or that causes the death of any person, is liable for a civil penalty of not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

(c) Each day during any portion of which a violation occurs is a separate offense.

(Amended by Stats. 2001, Ch. 854, Sec. 14. Effective January 1, 2002.)

42402.2. (a) Any person who emits an air contaminant in violation of any provision of this part, or any order, rule, regulation, or permit of the state board or of a district, including a district hearing board, pertaining to emission regulations or limitations, and who knew of the emission and failed to take corrective action, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 42400.2, within a reasonable period of time under the circumstances, is liable for a civil penalty of not more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000).

(b) Any person who owns or operates any source of air contaminants in violation of Section 41700 that causes great bodily injury, as defined by Section 12022.7 of the Penal Code, to any person or that causes the death of any person, and who knew of the emission and failed to take corrective action, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 42400.2, within a reasonable period of time under the circumstances, is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).

(c) Each day during any portion of which a violation occurs is a separate offense.

(Amended by Stats. 2001, Ch. 854, Sec. 15. Effective January 1, 2002.)

42402.3. (a) Any person who willfully and intentionally emits an air contaminant in violation of this part or any rule, regulation, permit, or order of the state board, or of a district, including a district hearing board, pertaining to emission regulations or limitations, is liable for a civil penalty of not more than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000).

(b) Any person who willfully and intentionally, or with reckless disregard for the risk of great bodily injury, as defined by Section 12022.7 of the Penal Code, to, or death of, any person, emits an air contaminant in violation of Section 41700 that results in an unreasonable risk of great bodily injury to, or death of, any person, is liable for a civil penalty of not more than one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000). If the violator is a corporation, the maximum penalty may be up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

(c) Any person who willfully and intentionally, or with reckless disregard for the risk of great bodily injury, as defined by Section 12022.7 of the Penal Code, to, or death of, any person, emits an air contaminant in violation of Section 41700 that causes great bodily injury, as defined by Section 12022.7 of the Penal Code, to any person or that causes the death of any person, is liable for a civil penalty of not more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000). If the violator is a corporation, the maximum penalty may be up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

(d) Each day during any portion of which a violation occurs is a separate offense.

(Amended by Stats. 2001, Ch. 854, Sec. 16. Effective January 1, 2002.)

42402.4. Any person who knowingly and with intent to deceive, falsifies any document required to be kept pursuant to any provision of this part, or any rule, regulation, permit, or order of the state board or of a district, including a district hearing board, is liable for a civil penalty of not more than thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000).

(Added by Stats. 2000, Ch. 805, Sec. 14. Effective January 1, 2001.)

42402.5. In addition to any civil and criminal penalties prescribed under this article, a district may impose administrative civil penalties for a violation of this part, or any order, permit, rule, or regulation of the state board or of a district, including a district hearing board, adopted pursuant to Part 1 (commencing with Section 39000) to Part 4 (commencing with Section 41500), inclusive, if the district board has adopted rules and regulations specifying procedures for the imposition and amounts of these penalties. No administrative civil penalty levied pursuant to this section may exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) for each violation. However, nothing in this section is intended to restrict the authority of a district to negotiate mutual settlements under any other penalty provisions of law which exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

(Added by Stats. 1988, Ch. 1568, Sec. 31.)

42402.6. (a) Penalties prescribed pursuant to Sections 42402, 42402.1, 42402.2, 42402.3, 42402.4, and 42402.5 for violations may be multiplied by a factor of not more than three if both of the following occur:

(1) The emission is from a Title V source.

(2) The emission contains or includes one or more air contaminants, as identified by the state board pursuant to Section 39657, and as defined in Section 39013, or as listed in the Table of Standards pursuant to Section 70200 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations.

(b) For purposes of this section, "source" means an establishment that is located on one or more contiguous or adjacent properties.

(c) In assessing penalties, health impacts, community disruptions, the timeliness and accuracy of the notifications from the violator, and other circumstances related to the violation shall be considered, pursuant to Section 42403.

(Added by Stats. 2024, Ch. 300, Sec. 1. (AB 1465) Effective January 1, 2025.)

42403. (a) The civil penalties prescribed in Sections 39674, 42401, 42402, 42402.1, 42402.2, 42402.3, and 42402.6 shall be assessed and recovered in a civil action brought in the name of the people of the State of California by the Attorney General, by any district attorney, or by the attorney for any district in which the violation occurs in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(b) In determining the amount assessed, the court, or in reaching any settlement, the district, shall take into consideration all relevant circumstances, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) The extent of harm caused by the violation.

(2) The nature and persistence of the violation.

(3) The length of time over which the violation occurs.

(4) The frequency of past violations.

(5) The record of maintenance.

(6) The unproven or innovative nature of the control equipment.

(7) Any action taken by the defendant, including the nature, extent, and time of response of the cleanup and construction undertaken, to mitigate the violation.

(8) The financial burden to the defendant.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 300, Sec. 2. (AB 1465) Effective January 1, 2025.)

42403.5. (a) Notwithstanding Section 42407, any violation of Section 41700 resulting from the engine of any diesel-powered bus while idling shall subject the owner to civil penalties assessed under this article, which may be recovered pursuant to Section 42403 by the Attorney General, by any district attorney, or by the attorney for any district in which the violation occurs in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(b) There is no liability under subdivision (a) if the person accused of the violation establishes by affirmative defense that the extent of the harm caused does not exceed the benefit accrued to bus passengers as a result of idling the engine.

(Added by Stats. 1987, Ch. 107, Sec. 1.)

42404. An action brought pursuant to Section 42403 to recover such civil penalties shall take special precedence over all other civil matters on the calendar of the court except those matters to which equal precedence on the calendar is granted by law.

(Added by Stats. 1975, Ch. 957.)

42404.5. Any limitation of time applicable to actions brought pursuant to Section 42403 shall not commence to run until the offense has been discovered, or could reasonably have been discovered.

(Added by Stats. 1987, Ch. 260, Sec. 1.)

42405. In an action brought pursuant to Section 42403 by the Attorney General on behalf of a district, one-half of the penalty collected shall be paid to the treasurer of the district on whose behalf judgment was entered, and one-half of the penalty collected shall be paid to the State Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund.

If the action is brought by the Attorney General on behalf of the state board, the entire penalty collected shall be paid to the State Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund.

If the action is brought by a district attorney or by an attorney for a district, the entire amount of the penalty collected shall be paid to the treasurer of the district on whose behalf judgment was entered.

(Amended by Stats. 1981, Ch. 1127.)

42405.1. (a) Any person who provides information that materially contributes to the imposition of a civil penalty or criminal fine against any person for violating any provision of this part or any rule, regulation, or order of a district pertaining to mobile source emission regulations or limitations shall be paid a reward pursuant to regulations adopted by the district under subdivision (f). The reward shall not exceed 10 percent of the amount of the civil penalty or criminal fine collected by the district, district attorney, or city attorney. The district shall pay the reward to the person who provides information that results in the imposition of a civil penalty, and the city or the county shall pay the reward to the person who provides information that results in the imposition of a criminal fine. No reward paid pursuant to this subdivision shall exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

(b) No informant shall be eligible for a reward for a violation known to the district, unless the information materially contributes to the imposition of criminal or civil penalties for a violation specified in this section.

(c) If there is more than one informant for a single violation, the first notification received by the district shall be eligible for the reward. If the notifications are postmarked on the same day or telephoned notifications are received on the same day, the reward shall be divided equally among those informants.

(d) Public officers and employees of the United States, the State of California, or districts, counties, and cities in California are not eligible for the reward pursuant to subdivision (a), unless reporting of those violations does not relate in any manner to their responsibilities as public officers or employees.

(e) An informant who is an employee of a business and who provides information that the business violated this part is not eligible for a reward if the employee intentionally or negligently caused the violation or if the employee's primary and regular responsibilities included investigating the violation, unless the business knowingly caused the violation.

(f) The district shall adopt regulations that establish procedures for a determination of the accuracy and validity of information provided and for the receipt and review of claims for payment of rewards. All decisions concerning the eligibility for a reward and the materiality of the provided information shall be made pursuant to these regulations. In each case brought under subdivision (a), the district, the office of the city attorney, or the district attorney, whichever office brings the action, shall determine whether the information materially contributed to the imposition of civil or criminal penalties for violating any provision of this part or any rule, regulation, or order of a district pertaining to emission regulations or limitations.

(g) The district shall continuously publicize the availability of the rewards pursuant to this section for persons who provide information pursuant to this section.

(h) Claims may be submitted only for those referrals made on or after January 1, 1989.

(Amended by Stats. 2000, Ch. 890, Sec. 43. Effective January 1, 2001.)

42405.5. (a) If any state or local government agency provides assistance in the investigation, data collection, or monitoring, preparation, or prosecution of an action to recover civil penalties pursuant to Section 42401, 42402, 42402.1, or 42402.2, and that assistance is provided in coordination with the state board or a district prosecuting the action, that agency shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds of the penalty collected for its costs and expenses incurred in providing the assistance.

(b) If the penalty collected is insufficient to fully reimburse the state board or district for the costs and expenses incurred in preparing and prosecuting the case and another agency or agencies for the costs and expenses incurred in assisting in the case, the amount collected shall be prorated among the state board or district and the assisting agency or agencies, on the basis of costs and expenses incurred by each.

(c) This section does not apply where there is an express agreement between the state board or district and another agency or agencies regarding reimbursement for assistance services and expenses.

(Added by Stats. 1986, Ch. 1453, Sec. 9.)

42406. To secure a civil penalty imposed pursuant to this article on the operation of a vessel, the district shall have a lien on the vessel which may be recovered in an action against the vessel in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 (commencing with Section 490), Chapter 2, Division 3 of the Harbors and Navigation Code, except that no undertaking shall be required to be filed by the district board as a condition to the issuance of a writ of attachment.

(Added by Stats. 1975, Ch. 957.)

42407. Except as provided in Chapter 3.4 (commencing with Section 39640) of Part 2 and Sections 40720 and 42403.5, this article is not applicable to vehicular sources.

(Amended by Stats. 2009, Ch. 561, Sec. 2. (SB 124) Effective January 1, 2010.)

42408. (a) Any person who tampers with any ambient air monitoring equipment, including related recording equipment, owned or operated by a county, unified or regional air pollution control district, air quality management district, or by the State of California, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and is liable in a civil action for damages caused by the tampering to the owner or operator of the equipment.

(b) For purposes of this section, "tampering" means any unauthorized, intentional touching or other conduct affecting the operational status of monitoring equipment which has the potential to invalidate data collected from the monitoring activity.

(Added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 722, Sec. 1.)

42409. Every district shall publish in writing and make available to any interested party a list which describes potential violations subject to penalties under this article. The list shall also include the minimum and maximum penalties for each violation which may be assessed by a district pursuant to this article.

(Added by Stats. 1991, Ch. 744, Sec. 1.)

42410. (a) As an alternative to seeking civil penalties under Sections 39674, 42401, 42402, 42402.1, 42402.2, and 42402.3 for a violation of regulations of the state board, the state board may impose an administrative penalty, as specified in this section. Any administrative penalty imposed under this section shall be imposed as an alternative to, and not in addition to, a civil penalty imposed pursuant to this article. No administrative penalty imposed by the state board pursuant to this section shall exceed the amount that the state board is authorized to seek as a civil penalty for the applicable violation, and no administrative penalty imposed pursuant to this section shall exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each day in which there is a violation up to a maximum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per penalty assessment proceeding.

(b) Nothing in this section restricts the authority of the state board to negotiate mutual settlements under any other penalty provision of law that exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each day in which there is a violation of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per penalty assessment proceeding.

(c) The administrative penalties authorized by this section shall be imposed and recovered by the state board in administrative hearings established pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 60065.1) and Article 4 (commencing with Section 60075.1) of Subchapter 1.25 of Chapter 1 of Division 3 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations, except that the hearings shall be conducted by an administrative law judge appointed by the Office of Administrative Hearings.

(d) Nothing in this section authorizes the state board to seek penalties for categories of violations for which the state board may not recover penalties in a civil action.

(e) If the state board imposes any administrative penalties pursuant to this section, the state board may not bring any action pursuant to, or rely upon, Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 17000) of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code.

(f) In determining the amount of any administrative penalty imposed pursuant to this section, the state board shall take into consideration all relevant circumstances, including, but not limited to, those factors specified in subdivision (b) of Section 42403.

(g) After an order imposing an administrative penalty becomes final pursuant to the hearing procedures identified in subdivision (c), and no petition for a writ of mandate has been filed within the time allotted for seeking judicial review of the order, the state board may apply to the Superior Court for the County of Sacramento for a judgment in the amount of the administrative penalty. The application, which shall include a certified copy of the final order of the administrative hearing officer, shall constitute a sufficient showing to warrant the issuance of the judgment.

(h) For any violation that is within the enforcement jurisdiction of both the state board and the districts, the state board may impose an administrative penalty pursuant to this section only if the district in which the violation has occurred has not commenced an enforcement action for that violation.

(i) This section is not intended, and shall not be construed, to grant the state board authority to assess an administrative penalty for any category of violation that was not subject to enforcement by the state board as of January 1, 2002.

(j) Any administrative penalty assessed pursuant to this section shall be paid to the State Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund.

(k) A party adversely affected by the final decision in the administrative hearing may seek independent judicial review by filing a petition for a writ of mandate in accordance with Section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

(l) This section shall only apply to violations that occur on or after January 1, 2002.

(m) On or before January 30, 2005, the state board shall prepare and submit to the Legislature and the Governor a report summarizing the administrative penalties imposed by the state board pursuant to this section for calendar years 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

(Added by Stats. 2001, Ch. 769, Sec. 3. Effective January 1, 2002.)

42411. Notwithstanding any other law, maximum penalties assessed by the state board or a district pursuant to this chapter as of January 1, 2018, shall be increased annually based on the California Consumer Price Index as compiled and reported by the Department of Industrial Relations.

(Added by Stats. 2017, Ch. 136, Sec. 6. (AB 617) Effective January 1, 2018.)