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## Bill Summary

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This bill further amends changes to the statutory default penalty that were enacted in the 2014 Session.

Current law provides a default penalty for prohibited acts for which there is no penalty imposed in statute. Last year, the legislature created a two-tiered system. It lowered the default penalty from a misdemeanor to a petty misdemeanor, but limited its application to only acts prohibited by statutes enacted or amended after September 1, 2014. Prohibitions that were already in law remained a misdemeanor.

This bill eliminates the two-tiered system and lowers all default penalties from a misdemeanor to a petty misdemeanor.