Summary by County Counsel of Amendments to Fresno County Ordinance Code Title 8, Chapter 8.40 "Noise Control"

Chapter 8.40 is amended to increase the penalty for violations involving more serious noise production from and infraction to a misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in jail and a fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000). The amendments also add provisions allowing for, in the alternative or in addition to all other penalties, the issuance of administrative citations to persons violating the noise standards provided in the ordinance in the amount of \$250 for the initial violation, \$500 for a second violation within six months and \$1,000 for a third violation within six months. A process for the appeal of any administrative citations is added to Chapter 8.40. The amendments also provide that the County Sheriff's Office, County Code Enforcement or officials designated by the County Administrative Officer may enforce the provisions of Chapter 8.40 in addition to the County Health Officer.