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# H. R. 2005

To amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to modify the provisions relating to citations and penalties.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2005

Mr. OWENS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Workplace Wrongful  
5 Death Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OSHA CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**

7        Section 17 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act  
8 of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 666) is amended—

9            (1) in subsection (e)—

1 (A) by striking “fine of not more than  
2 \$10,000” and inserting “fine in accordance  
3 with section 3571 of title 18, United States  
4 Code,”;

5 (B) by striking “six months” and inserting  
6 “10 years”;

7 (C) by inserting “under this subsection or  
8 subsection (i)” after “first conviction of such  
9 person”;

10 (D) by striking “fine of not more than  
11 \$20,000” and inserting “fine in accordance  
12 with section 3571 of title 18, United States  
13 Code,”; and

14 (E) by striking “one year” and inserting  
15 “20 years”;

16 (2) in subsection (f), by striking “fine of not  
17 more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more  
18 than six months,” and inserting “fine in accordance  
19 with section 3571 of title 18, United States Code, or  
20 by imprisonment for not more than 2 years”; and

21 (3) in subsection (g), by striking “fine of not  
22 more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not  
23 more than six months,” and inserting “fine in ac-  
24 cordance with section 3571 of title 18, United States

1 Code, or by imprisonment for not more than 1  
2 year,”.

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