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Sponsor(s): Representative Lambert

Brief Title: Decriminalizing agency rule violations.

**HB 2832 - DIGEST**

Provides that no criminal penalty or sanction or its equivalent may be imposed on a person or organization as the result of actions by the person or organization in violation of a rule that is not otherwise specifically designated as a crime under the criminal statutes of the state of Washington, unless the civil penalties or sanctions are expressly authorized and the specific amount for the violation is set in statute by the legislature.

Provides that no person or organization may be subject to a criminal penalty or its equivalent under any circumstances unless the person or organization has been provided all the legal benefits and protections provided a criminal defendant.