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2 Representative Harrison of Chittenden moves that the House propose to the
3 Senate that the bill be amended by adding Secs. 3a and 3b to read:

4 Sec. 3a. 17 V.S.A. § 2903 is amended to read:

5 § 2903. PENALTIES

6 (a) A person who knowingly and intentionally violates a provision of
7 subchapter 2, 3, or 4 of this chapter shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00 or
8 imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

9 (b)(1) A person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be subject
10 to a civil penalty of up to \$10,000.00 for each violation and shall refund to the
11 Secretary of State an amount equivalent to any contributions or expenditures
12 that violate subdivision 2983(b)(1) of this chapter.

13 (2) In addition to the penalties provided in subdivision (1) of this
14 subsection, a person who violates subchapter 4 of this chapter by failing to
15 report a contribution may be required to return that contribution to the
16 contributor.

17 (c) In addition to the other penalties provided in this section, a State's
18 Attorney or the Attorney General may institute any appropriate action,
19 injunction, or other proceeding to prevent, restrain, correct, or abate any
20 violation of this chapter.

1 Sec. 3b. 17 V.S.A. § 2961 is amended to read:

2 § 2961. SUBMISSION OF REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

3 (a)(1) The Secretary of State shall provide on the online database set forth
4 in section 2906 of this chapter digital access to the form that he or she provides
5 for any report required by this chapter. Digital access shall enable any person
6 required to file a report under this chapter to file the report by completing and
7 submitting the report to the Secretary of State online.

8 (2) The Secretary of State shall maintain on the online database all
9 reports that have been filed digitally on it so that any person may have direct
10 machine-readable electronic access to the individual data elements in each
11 report and the ability to search those data elements as soon as a report is filed.

12 (b) Any person required to file a report with the Secretary of State under
13 this chapter shall file the report digitally on the online database.

14 Notwithstanding the definition of “file” set forth in section 2103 of this title,
15 such a report is required to be filed on or before the day provided in this
16 chapter.

17 (c) Any person required to file a report with the Secretary of State under
18 this subchapter 4 shall pay a late reporting fee of \$100.00 for each day the
19 report is late, not to exceed \$5,000.00.