

**66-1,142c. Commission authorized to compromise civil penalty.** Any civil penalty may be compromised by the state corporation commission. In determining the amount of the penalty or the amount agreed in compromise, the appropriateness of the penalty to the size of the business, the gravity of the violation and the good faith of the person charged in attempting to achieve compliance, shall be considered. The amount of the penalty, when finally determined, or the amount agreed upon in compromise, may be deducted from any sums owing by the state of Kansas to the person charged or may be recovered, together with costs and the reasonable attorney fees of the commission staff or retained counsel in a civil action in the appropriate district court. In lieu of all or part of the civil penalty, the commission may consider and approve, before or at hearing, a requirement, negotiated with the commission's transportation division, that the person charged make payments to or expenditures for a project that is related to motor carrier safety regulation and benefits the industry or community as a whole.

**History:** L. 2001, ch. 92, § 3; July 1.