

COMPLIANCE SECTION

CONSUMER SAFETY BRANCH



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TATTOO AND BODY PIERCING



FY26 ANNUAL TRENDS FINAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Pursuant to 25 Texas Administrative Code 1.553(b)(1)(2)(3)

Duties and Responsibilities

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Tattoo and Body Piercing branch is responsible for ensuring tattoo and body piercing studios, including temporary locations, comply with minimum licensing standards established to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Texas. To accomplish this objective, inspections of studios and temporary locations are conducted. If voluntary compliance with the licensing standards cannot be achieved, the branch recommends regulatory actions when necessary. In addition, the branch provides technical assistance to its licensees, answers inquiries from consumers and investigates complaints involving possible violations of the State requirements for operating tattoo and body piercing studios.

Any business engaged in tattooing (for example, the practice of producing an indelible mark or figure on the human body by scarring or inserting pigments under the skin using needles, scalpels or other related equipment) or body piercing (for example, the practice of creating an opening in a person's body, other than the earlobe, to insert jewelry or another decoration) must be licensed with DSHS.

In addition, temporary locations at which tattooing or body piercing is performed for not more than seven days in conjunction with a single event or celebration must be licensed with DSHS.

Duties and Responsibilities Continued

Additional information can be assessed by visiting:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/tattoo-body-piercing-studios/guidance-documents-tattoo-body-piercing-studios/frequently-asked-questions-from>



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Tattoo and Body Piercing License Types

2505 - Tattoo Studio

2507 - Body Piercing Studio

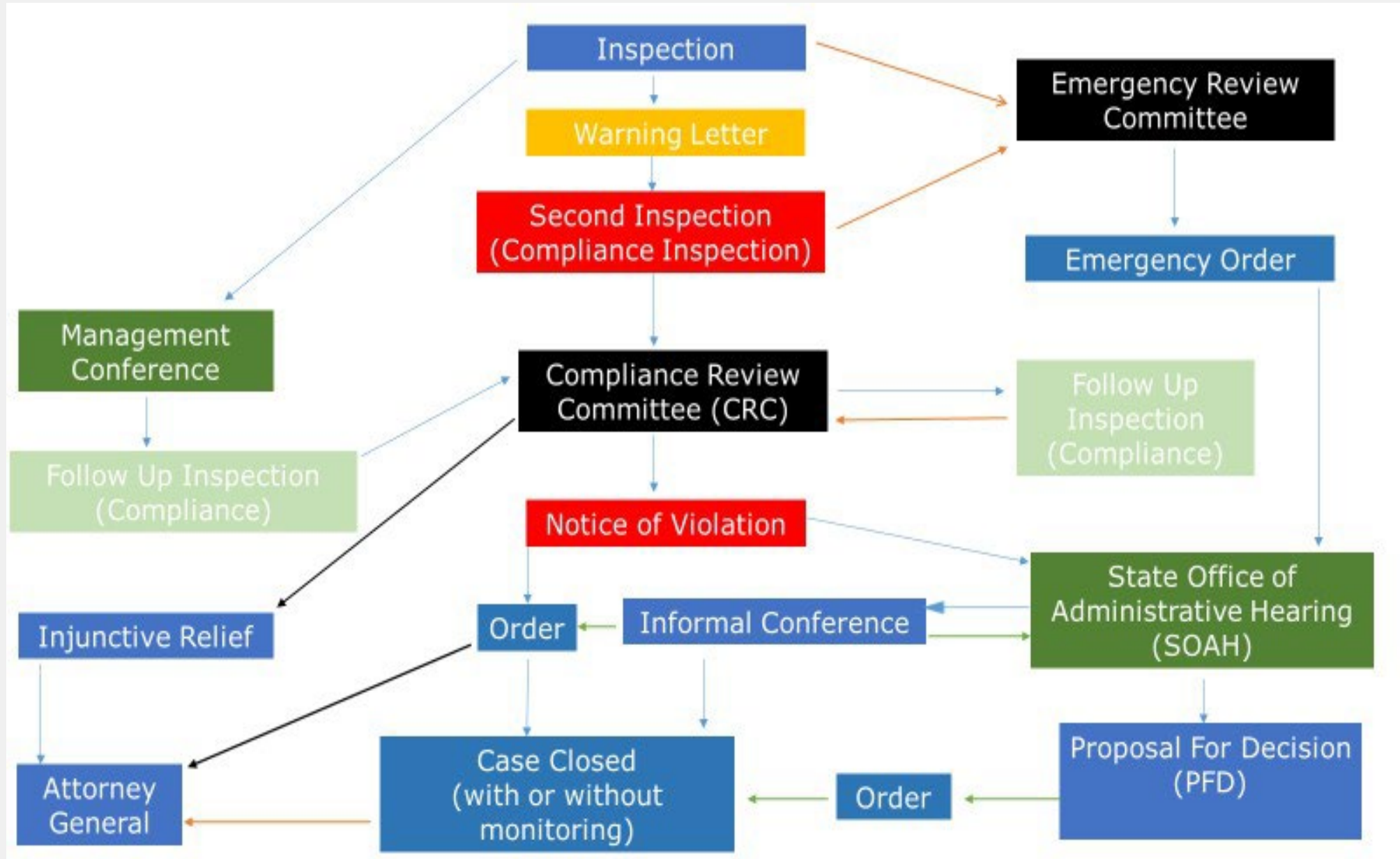
2508 - Tattoo Temporary Event

2509 – Body Piercing Temporary Event



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Tattoo and Body Piercing Compliance Flowchart



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Cases referred to Compliance

Year to Year Trend

FY22- 28

FY23- 23

FY24- 22

FY25- 34

FY26- 55



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CRC Outcomes Year to Year Trend

Notice of Violations (NOV) issued

FY22- 27

FY23- 22

FY24- 22

FY25- 32

FY26- 41



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Informal Conference (IC) Held Year to Year Trend

FY22- 21

FY23- 20

FY24- 11

FY25- 17

FY26- 31



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State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH)

Year to Year Trend



FY22- 10

FY23- 2

FY24- 6

FY25- 4

FY26- 4



Orders

Year to Year Trend

FY22- 22

FY23- 25

FY24- 11

FY25- 20

FY26- 42



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Attorney General (AG) Referrals

Year to Year Trend

FY22- 9

FY23- 8

FY24- 4

FY25- 1

FY26- 9



Cases Closed With or Without Monitoring Year to Year Trend

Cases closed with monitoring

- Terms and conditions to be met are still pending

FY22- 18

- FY23- 20
- FY24- 12
- FY25- 16
- FY26- 21

Cases were closed without monitoring

- All terms and conditions are met
 - FY22- 23
 - FY23- 11
 - FY24- 15
 - FY25- 29
 - FY26- 29

Total Penalty Amount Proposed/Assessed

FY22-\$38,035.00

FY23-\$34,550.00

FY24-\$27,600.00

FY25- \$27,626.00

FY26- \$129,500.00



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Total Penalty Amount Remitted/Collected

FY22- \$27,750.00

FY23- \$25,080.00

FY24- \$23,257.00

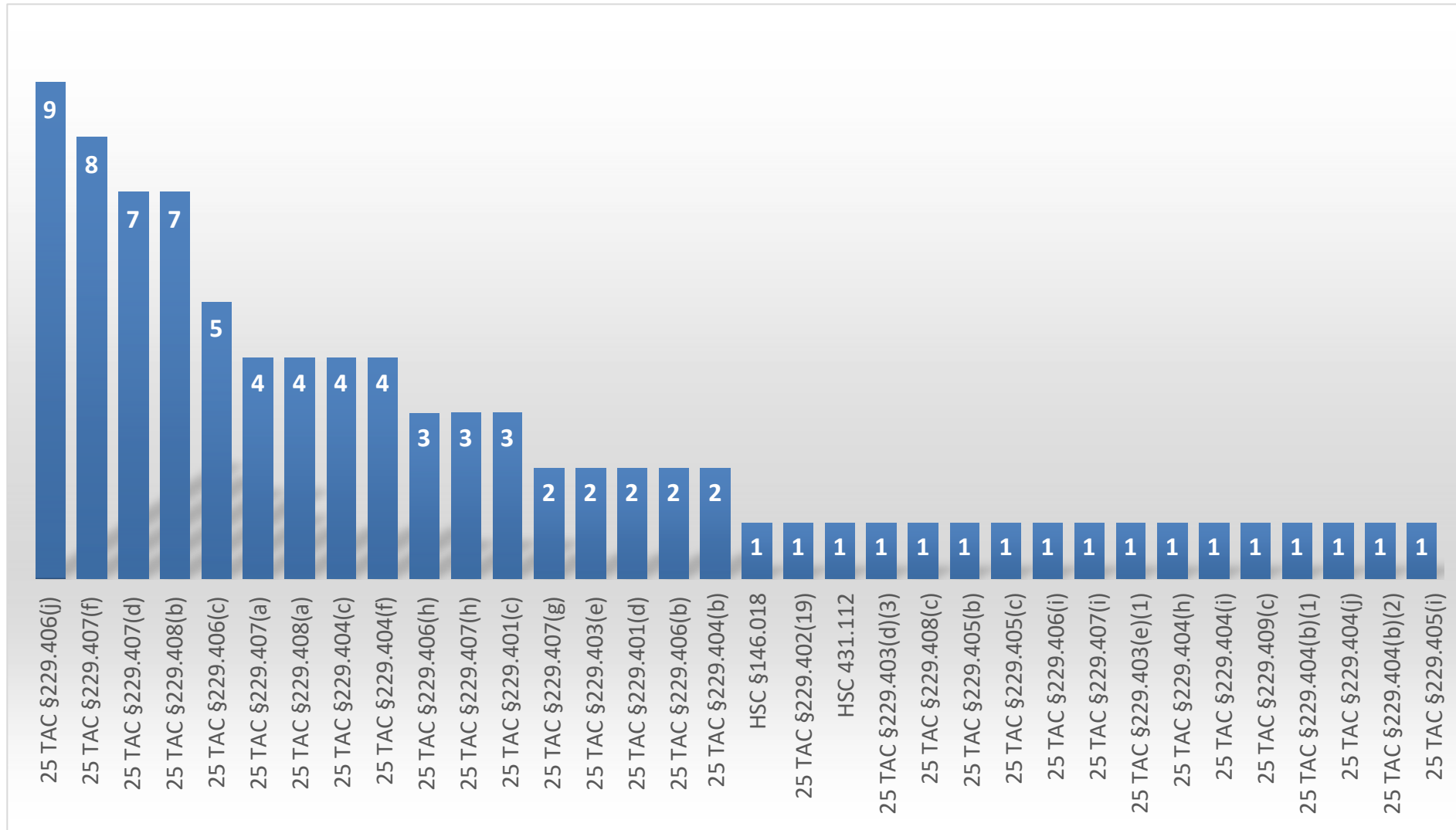
FY25- \$19,448.35

FY26- \$40,846.00

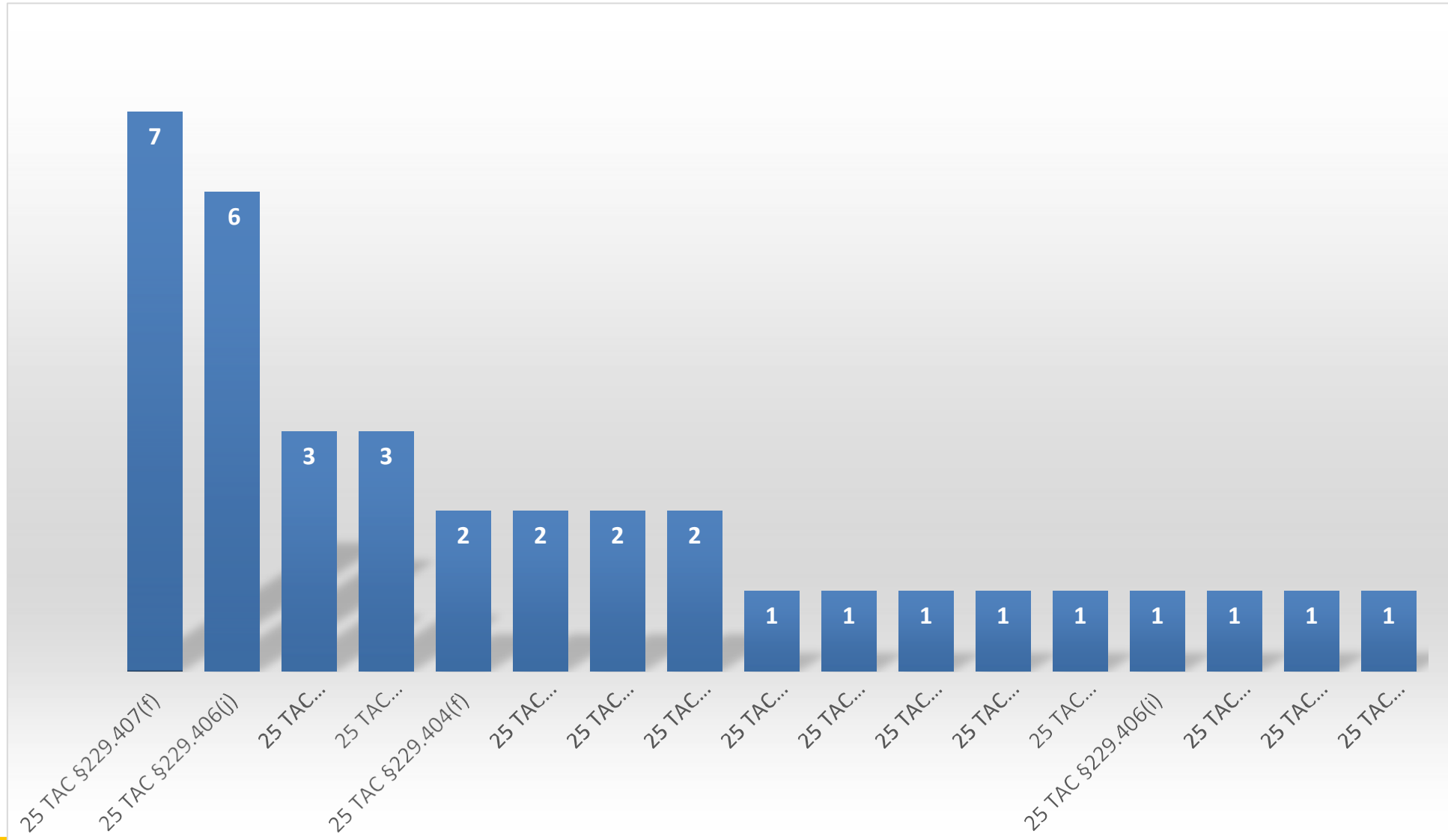


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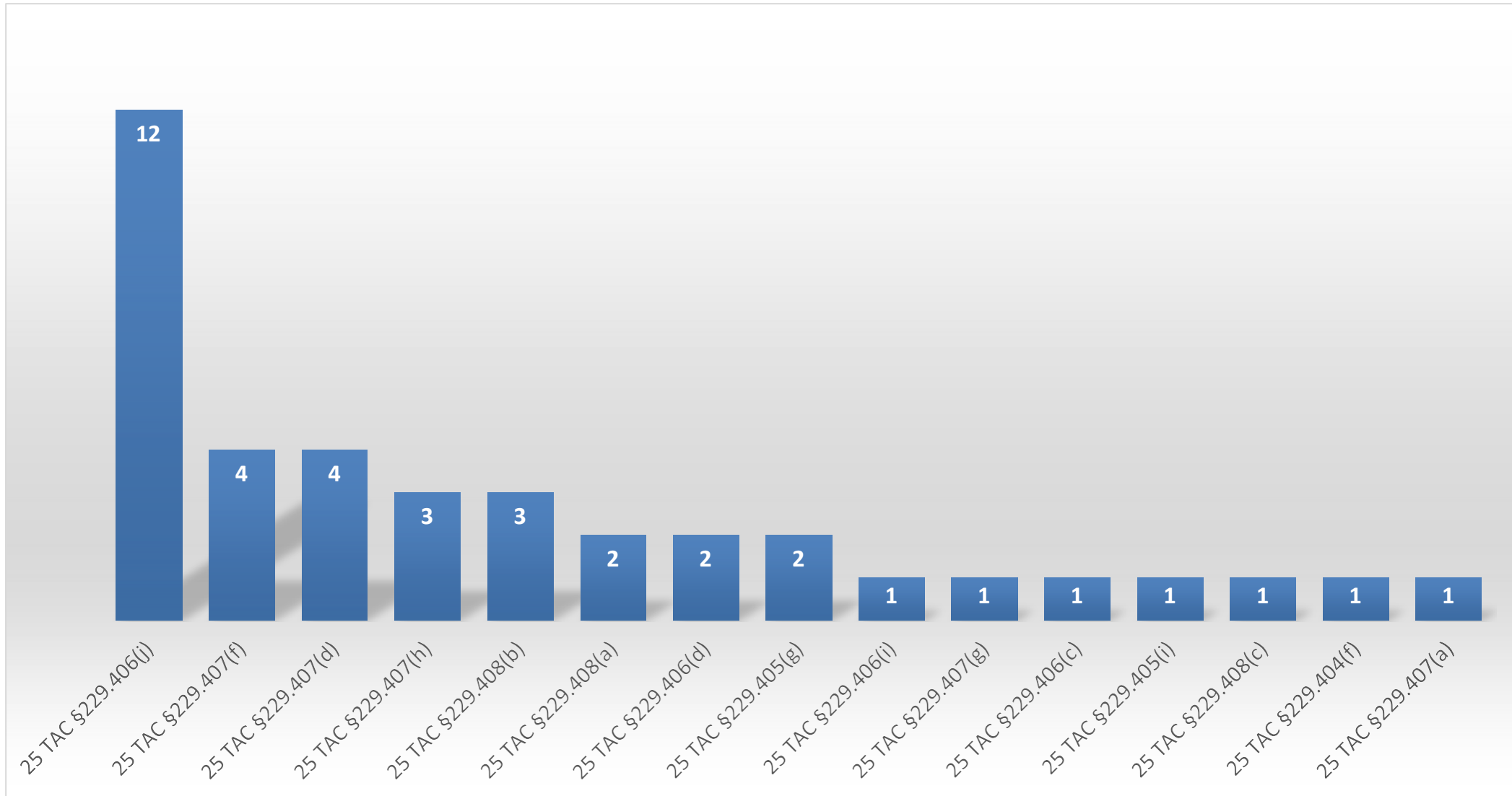
FY22 Violations Citation Trend



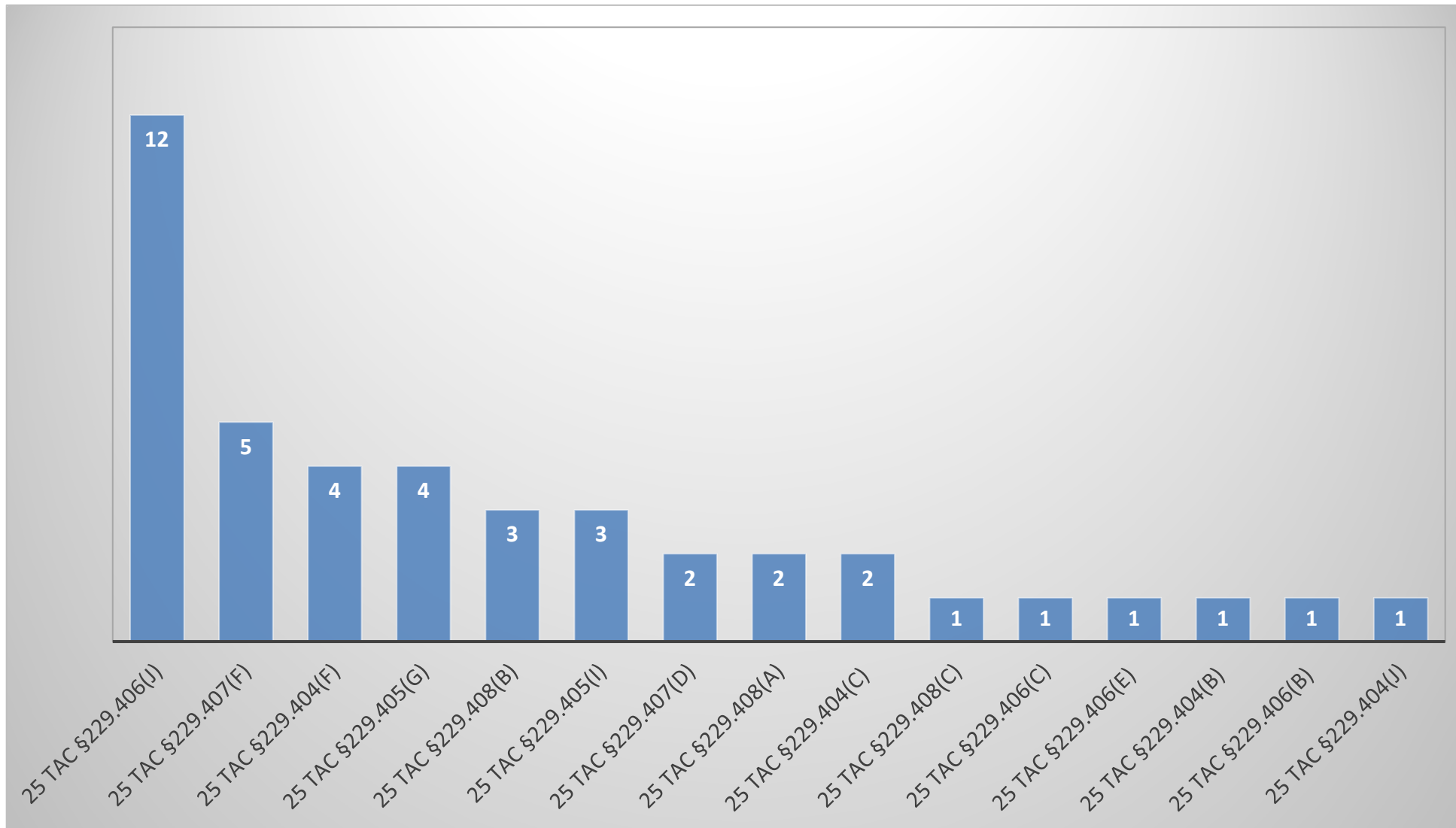
FY23 Violations Citation Trend



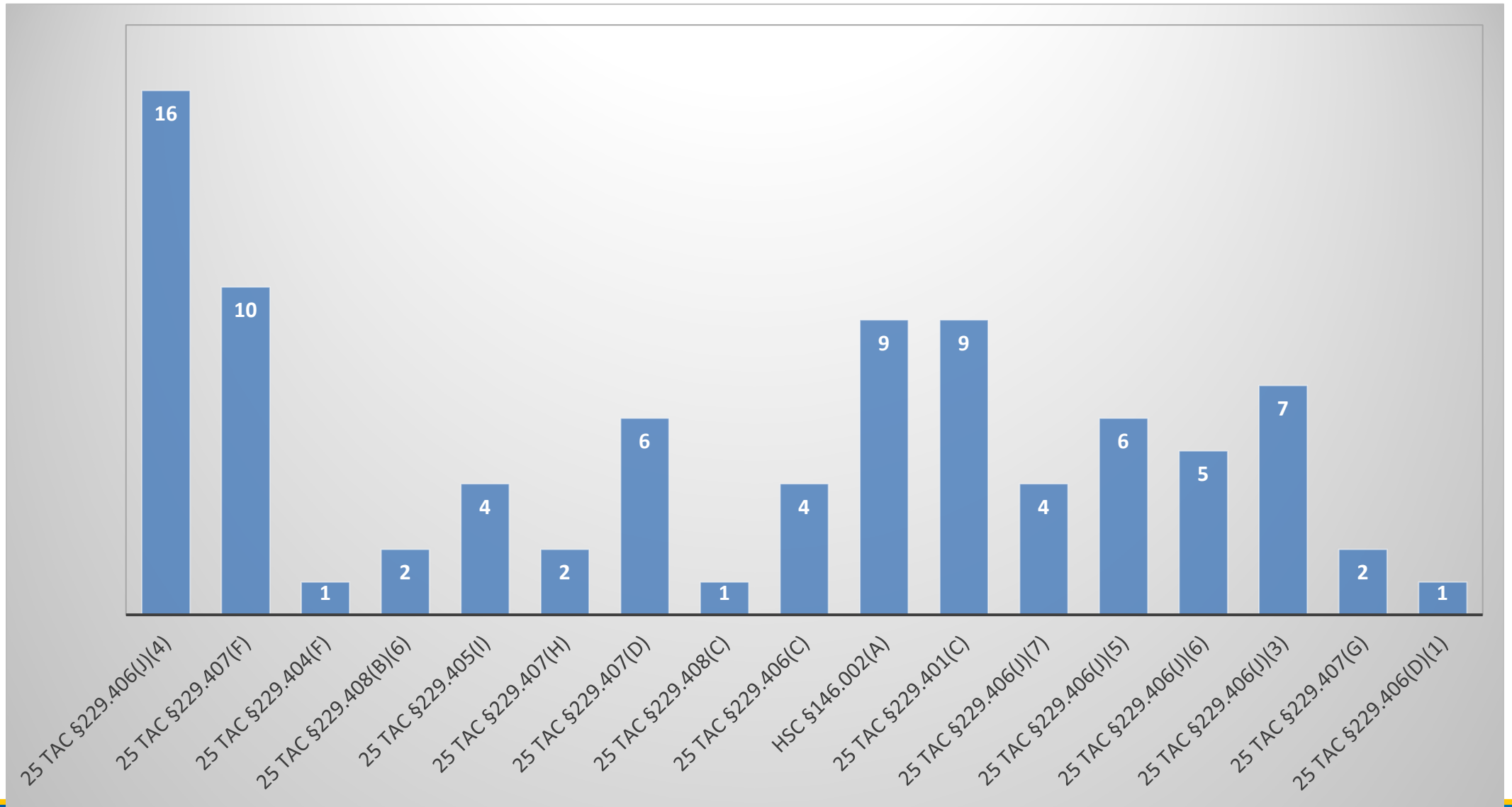
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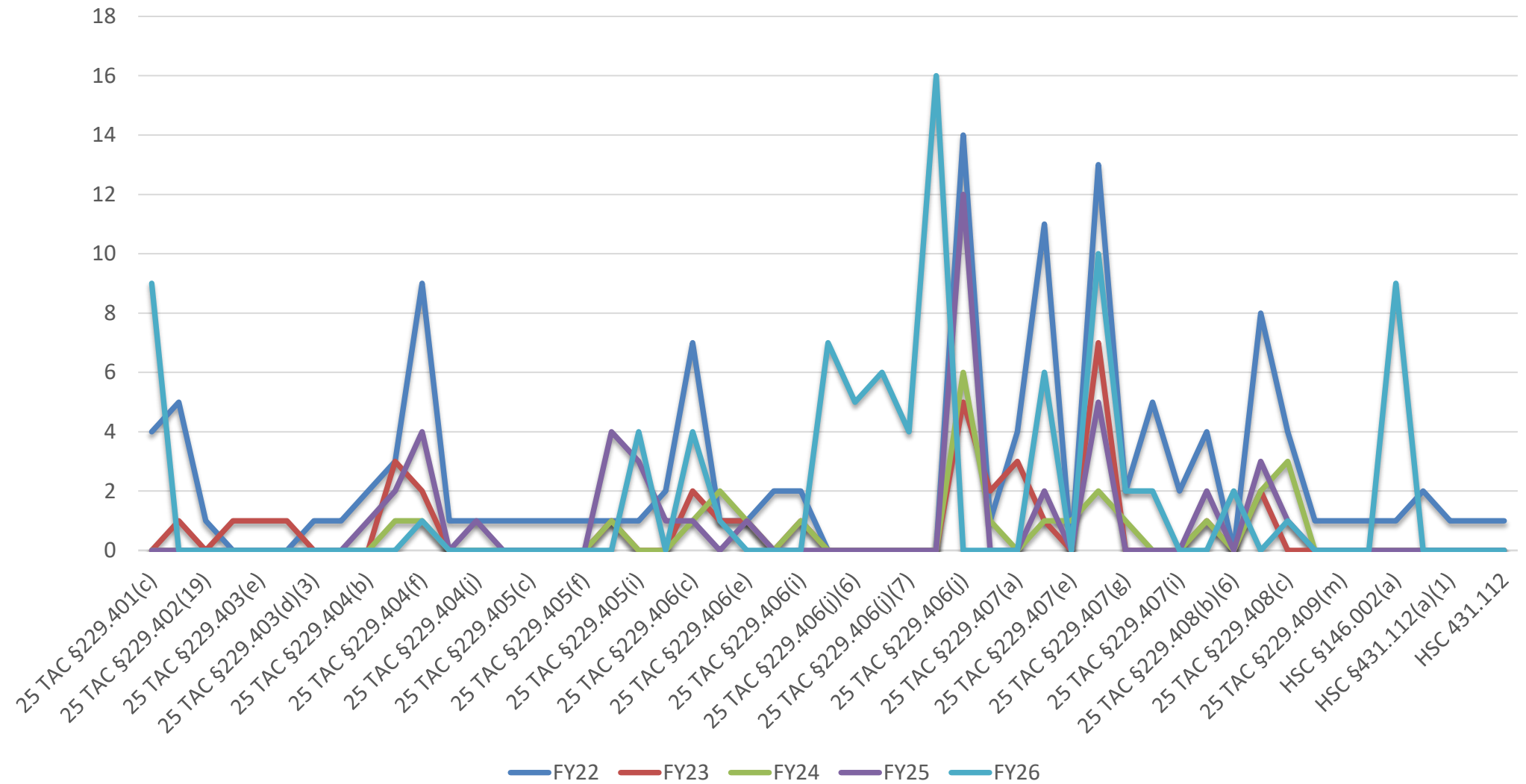
FY25 Violations Citation Trend



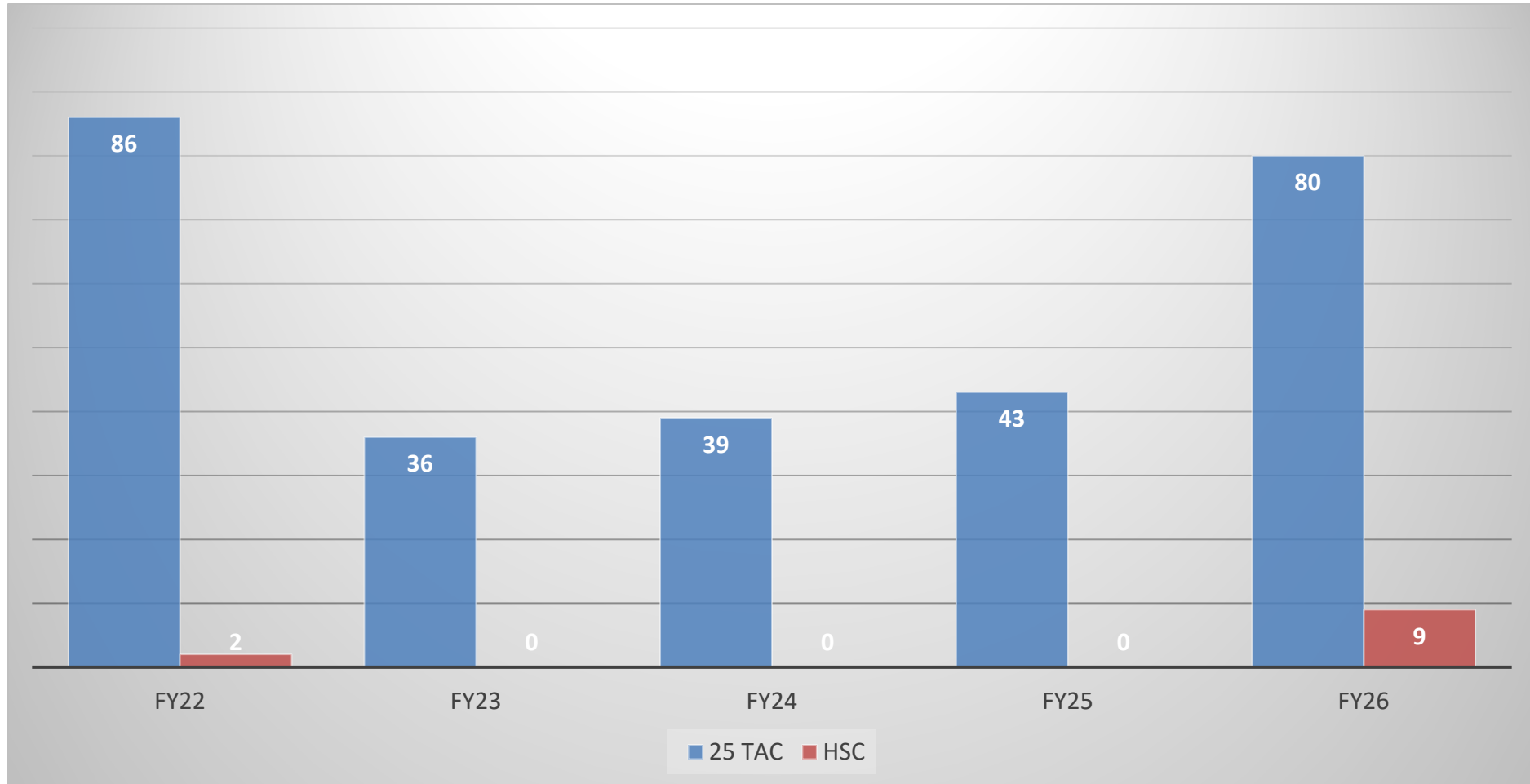
FY26 Violations Citation Trend



Year to Year Citation Trend and Analysis



Year to Year Citation Origination Trend and Analysis



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