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## **An Act To Return Fifty Percent of the Fine for a Violation of the Motor Vehicle Laws to the Municipality in Which the Violation Occurred**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2602, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 498, §6 and affected by §12, is further amended to read:

**4. Fines.** ~~Except as otherwise provided in this Title, fines and forfeitures collected under this Title accrue to the General Fund, except that~~ 50% of a fine or forfeiture collected under this Title must be remitted to the municipality in which the violation or infraction occurred if the Uniform Summons and Complaint or the Violation Summons and Complaint that resulted in the fine or forfeiture was issued by a municipal law enforcement agency and:

A. Six percent of fines and forfeitures collected for all traffic infractions, including fines and forfeitures collected for traffic infractions under section 561-A, accrues to the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund established in Title 4, section 173, subsection 4-B. This paragraph does not apply to sections 525, 1767 and 2363;

B. Of the fines and forfeitures collected for traffic infractions under sections 511, 2354, 2356, 2360, 2380, 2387 and 2388, 7% accrues to the General Fund, 6% accrues to the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund and the balance accrues to the General Highway Fund; and

C. Of the fines and forfeitures collected for violations other than traffic infractions under sections 511, 2354, 2356, 2360, 2380, 2387 and 2388, only \$5 or 13%, whichever is greater, accrues to the General Fund and the balance accrues to the Highway Fund.

The remaining balance of the fines and forfeitures collected under this Title accrues to the General Fund.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires that 50% of a fine or forfeiture collected for a violation of the motor vehicle laws must be remitted to the municipality in which the violation occurred if the fine or forfeiture resulted from a summons issued by a municipal law enforcement agency.