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H.P. 497

House of Representatives, February 17, 2011

An Act To Establish a Municipal and County Reimbursement Fee for Those Guilty of Crimes

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative WILLETTE of Presque Isle.

Cosponsored by Senator THOMAS of Somerset and

Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, CEBRA of Naples, CLARK of Easton, DAVIS of Sangerville, LONG of Sherman, THERIAULT of Madawaska, WILLETTE of Mapleton.

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

## **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1057, sub-§2-B** is enacted to read:

2-B. Additional surcharge for crimes. In addition to the surcharges in subsection 2-A, a surcharge of 10% must be added to every fine imposed in a criminal case by any court in this State, which for purposes of collection and collection procedures is considered part of the fine. The 10% surcharge collected pursuant to this subsection must be deposited monthly in the Government Operations Surcharge Fund. The 10% surcharge collected and deposited in the Government Operations Surcharge Fund pursuant to this subsection must be paid to municipal and county law enforcement agencies in an amount equal to \$100 per criminal case on which a law enforcement officer works. For purposes of this subsection, "case on which a law enforcement officer works" includes a case in which the officer issued a complaint, summons or warrant or made the arrest related to the crime.

14 SUMMARY

In addition to the surcharges of 14% and 5% collected pursuant to current law, this bill creates a new 10% surcharge to be collected in criminal cases. The 10% surcharge must be added to every fine imposed in a criminal case by any court in this State, which for purposes of collection and collection procedures is considered part of the fine. The 10% surcharge must be deposited monthly in the Government Operations Surcharge Fund and must be paid to municipal and county law enforcement agencies in an amount equal to \$100 per criminal case on which a law enforcement officer works.