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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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

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.

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

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

3 **2-B. Additional surcharge for crimes.** In addition to the surcharges in subsection
4 2-A, a surcharge of 10% must be added to every fine imposed in a criminal case by any
5 court in this State, which for purposes of collection and collection procedures is
6 considered part of the fine. The 10% surcharge collected pursuant to this subsection must
7 be deposited monthly in the Government Operations Surcharge Fund. The 10%
8 surcharge collected and deposited in the Government Operations Surcharge Fund
9 pursuant to this subsection must be paid to municipal and county law enforcement
10 agencies in an amount equal to \$100 per criminal case on which a law enforcement
11 officer works. For purposes of this subsection, "case on which a law enforcement officer
12 works" includes a case in which the officer issued a complaint, summons or warrant or
13 made the arrest related to the crime.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 In addition to the surcharges of 14% and 5% collected pursuant to current law, this
16 bill creates a new 10% surcharge to be collected in criminal cases. The 10% surcharge
17 must be added to every fine imposed in a criminal case by any court in this State, which
18 for purposes of collection and collection procedures is considered part of the fine. The
19 10% surcharge must be deposited monthly in the Government Operations Surcharge Fund
20 and must be paid to municipal and county law enforcement agencies in an amount equal
21 to \$100 per criminal case on which a law enforcement officer works.