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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**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SHORT of Pittsfield.
Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and
Representatives: DEVIN of Newcastle, GILBERT of Jay, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HARLOW
of Portland, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, NOON of Sanford, STANLEY of Medway, VEROW
of Brewer.

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

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

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

10 A. Six percent of fines and forfeitures collected for all traffic infractions, including
11 fines and forfeitures collected for traffic infractions under section 561-A, accrues to
12 the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund established in Title 4, section
13 173, subsection 4-B. This paragraph does not apply to sections 525, 1767 and 2363;

14 B. Of the fines and forfeitures collected for traffic infractions under sections 511,
15 2354, 2356, 2360, 2380, 2387 and 2388, 7% accrues to the General Fund, 6% accrues
16 to the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund and the balance accrues to the
17 ~~General~~ Highway Fund; and

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

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

24 **SUMMARY**

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