

## House Resolution 1150

By: Representatives Bunn of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 102<sup>nd</sup>, Yates of the 106<sup>th</sup>, Callaway of the 81<sup>st</sup>, Hines of the 38<sup>th</sup> and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to  
2 provide by law for an additional penalty to be imposed in any case in which any court in this  
3 state shall impose a fine for any offense against a criminal law or traffic law of this state or  
4 political subdivision thereof to be allocated to the Georgia State Indemnification Fund for  
5 the specific purpose of providing a lump sum payment to assist with immediate living and  
6 funeral expenses and health and dental insurance coverage to the surviving spouse, minor  
7 child or children, or surviving spouse and minor child or children of law enforcement officers  
8 who are killed in the line of duty; to provide for the submission of this amendment for  
9 ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI is amended by redesignating the second subparagraph  
13 (k), proposed by Ga. L. 1998, p. 1688, as subparagraph (1) and by adding a new  
14 subparagraph (m) to read as follows:

15 "(m) The General Assembly is authorized to provide by general law for an additional  
16 penalty to be imposed in any case in which any state court, probate court, municipal court,  
17 magistrate court, or superior court in this state shall impose a fine, which shall be construed  
18 to include costs, for any offense against a criminal or traffic law of this state or political  
19 subdivision thereof. The proceeds derived from such additional penalty assessments may  
20 be allocated to the Georgia State Indemnification Fund for the specific purpose of  
21 providing a lump sum payment to assist with immediate living and funeral expenses and  
22 health and dental insurance coverage to the surviving spouse, minor child or children, or  
23 surviving spouse and minor child or children of law enforcement officers who are killed  
24 in the line of duty."

**SECTION 2.**

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The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

YES Shall the Constitution be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for an additional penalty to be imposed in any case in which any court in this state shall impose a fine for any offense against a criminal law or traffic law of this state or political subdivision thereof to be allocated to the Georgia State Indemnification Fund for the specific purpose of providing a lump sum payment to assist with immediate living and funeral expenses and health and dental insurance coverage to the surviving spouse, minor child or children, or surviving spouse and minor child or children of law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty."

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."  
All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.