

House Bill 1221

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 payment and disposition of fines and forfeitures, so as to provide for the imposition and  
3 collection of additional penalties for violations of traffic laws for the purpose assisting in the  
4 funding of uninsured trauma services at certain hospitals in this state; to provide for the  
5 division of such funds; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for other related matters;  
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to payment and  
10 disposition of fines and forfeitures, is amended by adding a new Article 11 to read as  
11 follows:

12 "ARTICLE 11

13 15-21-200.

14 (a) In every case in which any court in this state shall impose a fine or bond payment,  
15 which shall be construed to include costs, for any moving violation of the traffic laws of  
16 this state or for any moving violations of ordinances of political subdivisions which have  
17 adopted by reference the traffic laws of this state, there shall be imposed an additional  
18 penalty of \$10.00.

19 (b) Such sums collected pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall be in addition  
20 to any amount required to be paid into any pension, annuity, or retirement fund under Title  
21 47 or any other law and in addition to any other amounts provided for in this chapter.

1 15-21-201.

2 (a) The sums provided for in Code Section 15-21-200 shall be assessed and collected by  
3 the clerk or other court officer charged with the duty of collecting moneys from fines and  
4 shall be paid over by the last day of the following month to the Georgia Superior Court  
5 Clerks' Cooperative Authority for remittance to the Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services  
6 to be deposited into the general fund of the state treasury.

7 (b) Any person whose duty it is to collect and remit the sums provided for in this article  
8 who refuses to so remit shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

9 15-21-202.

10 (a) As soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year, the Office of Treasury and  
11 Fiscal Services shall report the amount of funds received pursuant to Code Section  
12 15-21-200 to the Office of Planning and Budget. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
13 that, subject to appropriation, an amount equal to such proceeds received from such fines  
14 in any fiscal year shall be made available during the following fiscal year to all public and  
15 private hospitals maintaining trauma care centers in this state for the purposes of funding  
16 uninsured trauma care at such facilities.

17 (b) The funds appropriated pursuant to this Code section shall be divided among the  
18 hospitals maintaining trauma care centers on a pro rata basis based upon the number of  
19 persons receiving uninsured trauma care at such hospital during the previous calendar  
20 year."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.