

ACT No. 302

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 220

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1898(A) and (C), relative to mayor's courts; to provide relative to fines, forfeitures, penalties, and costs; to authorize mayor's courts to collect fines, forfeitures, penalties, and costs; to provide for the means in which mayor's courts can collect the payments of fines, forfeitures, penalties, and costs; to provide relative to the processing fee on certain transactions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:1898(A) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1898. Collection and disposition of fines, forfeitures, penalties, and costs ~~in city~~
court

A. Except as otherwise provided by special law and in Subsection B of this Section, the clerk of the city court, mayor's court, or the marshal, as designated by the judge, or a private collection agency as authorized by contract with the municipal governing authority, shall collect all fines, forfeitures, penalties, and costs, and all funds so collected by them, excluding costs, shall be paid into the city treasury when the prosecution is on behalf of the city and into the parish treasury to be deposited in the parish general fund and used as a general expenditure of the parish, in parishes other than Orleans, when the prosecution is on behalf of the state or parish. The amount of the debt shall not be reduced if collected by a private collection agency.

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1 C. The clerk of the city court, mayor's court, or the marshal may accept
2 payment by credit card or electronic check for all fines, forfeitures, penalties, and
3 costs. The clerk of the city court, mayor's court, or the marshal shall collect a fee for
4 processing the payments in an amount that is reasonably related to the expense
5 incurred by the clerk, mayor's court, or marshal in processing the payment by credit
6 card, not to exceed five percent of the amount of taxes and any penalties or interest
7 being paid. The fee shall be in addition to the amount of fines, forfeitures, penalties,
8 or costs.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____