

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 220

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

1 AN ACT

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

11 §1898. Collection and disposition of fines, forfeitures, penalties, and costs ~~in city~~  
12 court

13 A. Except as otherwise provided by special law and in Subsection B of this  
14 Section, the clerk of the city court, mayor's court, or the marshal, as designated by  
15 the judge, or a private collection agency as authorized by contract with the municipal  
16 governing authority, shall collect all fines, forfeitures, penalties, and costs, and all  
17 funds so collected by them, excluding costs, shall be paid into the city treasury when  
18 the prosecution is on behalf of the city and into the parish treasury to be deposited  
19 in the parish general fund and used as a general expenditure of the parish, in parishes  
20 other than Orleans, when the prosecution is on behalf of the state or parish. The  
21 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.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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