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Abstract: Prohibits the use of splitting profits, fees, or commissions of traffic fines with a private entity or company.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits the splitting of profits, fees, or commissions derived from traffic fines. Defines the following terms:

- (1) "Splitting of profits, fees, or commissions" means the sharing, splitting, allocating, giving, offering to give, receiving or offering to receive, directly or indirectly, anything of apparent present or prospective value by or to a private entity, company, or to any fund or fiduciary existing for the benefit of or use by such state agency, political subdivision, or law enforcement agency, officer, official, or employee thereof, when such value is derived from any agreement or contract to which the state or any political subdivision thereof is a party.
- (2) "Company" means a person, firm, association, organization, partnership, or corporation.
- (3) "Private entity" means a corporation, limited partnership, general partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, business trust, or other business entity.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits the splitting of profits, fees, or commissions with a private entity or company by a state agency, political subdivision, or law enforcement agency, officer, official, or employee, representing the state or a political subdivision, as the case may be, in his official capacity, when funds are received from any traffic violation.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits a state agency, political subdivision, or law enforcement agency, officer, official, or employee, representing the state or a political subdivision, as the case may be, in his official capacity, from entering an agreement or contract to which the state or any political subdivision thereof is a party providing splitting of profits, fees, or commissions with a private entity or company for any traffic fines. Further, requires the contract to be a public record.

<u>Proposed law</u> specifies that a person who violates <u>proposed law</u> will be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both.

(Adds R.S. 32:393.3)