
DIGEST

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HB No. 1107

Abstract: Authorizes judges in the 24th JDC and parish courts within Jefferson Parish with specialized subject matter jurisdiction to assess certain costs for certain alcohol-related violations.

Proposed law provides that in addition to any fines, forfeitures, costs, or penalties, a judge in the 24th JDC or a parish court within Jefferson Parish, with a specialized alcohol division or a parish court that has within the judicial district, a specialized alcohol division, may assess any of the following additional court costs to any person convicted of certain offenses:

- (1) \$100 for violation of present law or of any municipal or parochial ordinance prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs or underage driving under the influence.
- (2) \$100 for a violation of present law or of any municipal or parochial ordinance prohibiting the reckless operation of a motor vehicle.
- (3) \$50 for a violation of present law or of any municipal or parochial ordinance prohibiting the contributing to delinquency of juveniles, improper supervision of a minor by parent or custodian, or purchase or public possession of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of 21 years old.
- (4) \$25 for a violation of present law or of any municipal or parochial ordinance prohibiting the unauthorized possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on public school property, public drinking, public possession of alcohol or appearing in an intoxicated condition in public, disturbing the peace, or vagrancy.
- (5) \$25 for a violation of present law or of any municipal or parochial ordinance prohibiting the possession of open alcoholic beverage containers in vehicles.
- (6) \$25 for all other convictions of a felony, misdemeanor, or any municipal or parochial ordinance, including a traffic felony, misdemeanor, or a local traffic violation where the use of alcohol was a factor in the commission of the crime.

Proposed law defines a specialized alcohol division as a district or parish court that designates by court rule a division or section of the court which has subject matter jurisdiction for alcohol-related offenses, including driving while intoxicated and is approved or certified by the La. Highway Safety Commission and the La. Supreme Court.

Proposed law requires any district or parish court that collects fees pursuant to proposed law to deposit the monies into a special fund to be used solely for funding the designated and approved alcohol or driving while intoxicated division and any treatment programs and associated administrative expenses.

(Adds R.S. 13:1000.10 and 2562.27)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill.

1. Changed the provisions of law authorizing the collection of fees by judges in all district and parish courts with a specialized alcohol division to authorizing only those judges in the 24th JDC and the parish courts within Jefferson Parish to collect such fees.