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02/10/2025	331 Introduction and first reading	
	Referred to Transportation	

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transportation; modifying formulas for distribution of traffic fine

1.3 proceeds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 169.999, subdivision 5;

1.4 299D.03, subdivision 5; 357.021, subdivision 7; 484.841, subdivision 1; 484.85;

1.5 484.90, subdivision 6; 574.34, subdivision 1.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.999, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 5. **Fines; disbursement.** (a) A person who commits an administrative violation

1.9 under subdivision 1 must pay a fine of \$60.

1.10 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c), two-thirds of a fine collected under this section

1.11 must be credited to the general ~~revenue~~ fund of the local unit of government that employs

1.12 the peace officer who issued the citation and one-third must be transferred to the

1.13 commissioner of management and budget to be deposited in the ~~state general fund~~ highway

1.14 user tax distribution fund. A local unit of government receiving fine proceeds under this

1.15 section must use at least one-half of the funds for law enforcement purposes. The funds

1.16 must be used to supplement but not supplant any existing law enforcement funding.

1.17 (c) For fines collected under this section from administrative citations issued by state

1.18 patrol troopers, one-third must be credited to the general fund of the local unit of government

1.19 or entity that collects the fine and provides a hearing officer and two-thirds must be

1.20 transferred to the commissioner of management and budget to be deposited in the ~~state~~

1.21 ~~general fund~~ highway user tax distribution fund.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299D.03, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 5. **Traffic fines and forfeited bail money.** (a) All fines and forfeited bail money  
2.3 collected from persons apprehended or arrested by officers of the State Patrol ~~shall~~ must be  
2.4 transmitted by the person or officer collecting the fines, forfeited bail money, or installments  
2.5 thereof, on or before the tenth day after the last day of the month in which ~~these moneys~~  
2.6 ~~were collected~~ the collections were made, to the commissioner of management and budget.  
2.7 Except where a different disposition is required in this subdivision or section 387.213, or  
2.8 otherwise provided by law, three-eighths of these receipts must be deposited in the state  
2.9 treasury and credited to the ~~state general fund~~ highway user tax distribution fund. The other  
2.10 five-eighths of these receipts must be deposited in the state treasury and credited as follows:  
2.11 (1) the first \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year must be credited to the Minnesota grade crossing  
2.12 safety account in the special revenue fund, and (2) remaining receipts must be credited to  
2.13 the ~~state~~ trunk highway fund. If, however, the violation occurs within a municipality and  
2.14 the city attorney prosecutes the offense, and a plea of not guilty is entered, one-third of the  
2.15 receipts ~~shall~~ must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the ~~state general fund~~  
2.16 highway user tax distribution fund, one-third ~~of the receipts shall~~ must be paid to the  
2.17 municipality prosecuting the offense, and one-third ~~shall~~ must be deposited in the state  
2.18 treasury and credited to the Minnesota grade crossing safety account or the ~~state~~ trunk  
2.19 highway fund as provided in this paragraph. When section 387.213 also is applicable to the  
2.20 fine, section 387.213 ~~shall~~ must be applied before this paragraph is applied. All costs of  
2.21 participation in a nationwide police communication system chargeable to the state of  
2.22 Minnesota ~~shall~~ must be paid from appropriations for that purpose.

2.23 (b) All fines and forfeited bail money from violations of statutes governing the maximum  
2.24 weight of motor vehicles, collected from persons apprehended or arrested by employees of  
2.25 the state of Minnesota, by means of stationary or portable scales operated by these employees,  
2.26 ~~shall~~ must be transmitted by the person or officer collecting the fines or forfeited bail money,  
2.27 on or before the tenth day after the last day of the month in which the collections were made,  
2.28 to the commissioner of management and budget. ~~Five-eighths of These receipts shall~~ must  
2.29 be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the state highway user tax distribution  
2.30 fund. ~~Three-eighths of these receipts shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to~~  
2.31 ~~the state general fund.~~

2.32 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 357.021, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

2.33 Subd. 7. **Disbursement of surcharges by commissioner of management and**  
2.34 **budget.** (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) to (d), the commissioner of management

3.1 and budget ~~shall~~ must disburse ~~surecharges~~ each surcharge received under subdivision 6 as  
 3.2 follows:

3.3 (1) ~~one percent shall~~ 25 cents must be credited to the peace officer training account in  
 3.4 the game and fish fund to provide peace officer training for employees of the Department  
 3.5 of Natural Resources who are licensed under sections 626.84 to 626.863; and who possess  
 3.6 peace officer authority for the purpose of enforcing game and fish laws; and

3.7 (2) ~~99 percent shall be credited to the general fund~~ \$74.75 must be credited to (i) the  
 3.8 highway user tax distribution fund, for traffic offenses, or (ii) the general fund, for all other  
 3.9 offenses.

3.10 (b) The commissioner of management and budget ~~shall credit \$3 of each surcharge~~  
 3.11 ~~received under subdivision 6~~ must credit the \$12 parking surcharge to the general fund.

3.12 (c) ~~In addition to any amounts credited under paragraph (a), the commissioner of~~  
 3.13 ~~management and budget shall credit the following to the general fund: \$47 of each surcharge~~  
 3.14 ~~received under subdivision 6; the \$12 parking surcharge; and~~ The commissioner of  
 3.15 management and budget must credit the \$25 surcharge for a violation of section 609.855,  
 3.16 subdivision 1, 3, or 3a, to the general fund.

3.17 (d) If the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes imposition of the additional  
 3.18 \$1 surcharge provided for in subdivision 6, paragraph (a), the court administrator in the  
 3.19 Second Judicial District ~~shall~~ must transmit the surcharge to the commissioner of management  
 3.20 and budget. The \$1 special surcharge is deposited in a Ramsey County surcharge account  
 3.21 in the special revenue fund and amounts in the account are appropriated to the trial courts  
 3.22 for the administration of the petty misdemeanor diversion program operated by the Second  
 3.23 Judicial District Ramsey County Violations Bureau.

3.24 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 484.841, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

3.25 Subdivision 1. **Disposition of fines, fees, and other money; accounts.** (a) Except as  
 3.26 otherwise provided within this subdivision, and except as otherwise provided by law, the  
 3.27 court administrator ~~shall~~ must pay all fines and penalties collected by the court administrator,  
 3.28 all fees collected by the court administrator for court administrator's services, all sums  
 3.29 forfeited to the court as provided in this subdivision, and all other money received by the  
 3.30 court administrator to the subdivision of government entitled to it as follows on or before  
 3.31 the 20th day after the last day of the month in which the money was collected. Eighty percent  
 3.32 of all fines and penalties collected during the previous month ~~shall~~ must be paid to the  
 3.33 treasurer of the municipality or subdivision of government where the crime was committed.

4.1 The remainder of the fines and penalties ~~shall~~ must be credited to (1) the highway user tax  
 4.2 distribution fund, for traffic offenses, or (2) the general fund of the state, for all other  
 4.3 offenses. In all cases in which the county attorney had charge of the prosecution, all fines  
 4.4 and penalties ~~shall~~ must be credited to (1) the highway user tax distribution fund, for traffic  
 4.5 offenses, or (2) the state general fund, for all other offenses.

4.6 (b) The court administrator ~~shall~~ must identify the name of the municipality or other  
 4.7 subdivision of government where the offense was committed and the total amount of fines  
 4.8 or penalties collected for each municipality or other subdivision of government, for the  
 4.9 county, or for the state.

4.10 (c) Amounts represented by checks issued by the court administrator or received by the  
 4.11 court administrator which have not cleared by the end of the month may be shown on the  
 4.12 monthly account as having been paid or received, subject to adjustment on later monthly  
 4.13 accounts.

4.14 (d) The court administrator may receive negotiable instruments in payment of fines,  
 4.15 penalties, fees or other obligations as conditional payments; and is not held accountable for  
 4.16 this until collection in cash is made and then only to the extent of the net collection after  
 4.17 deduction of the necessary expense of collection.

4.18 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 484.85, is amended to read:

4.19 **484.85 DISPOSITION OF FINES, FEES, AND OTHER MONEY; ACCOUNTS;**  
 4.20 **RAMSEY COUNTY DISTRICT COURT.**

4.21 (a) In all cases prosecuted in Ramsey County District Court by an attorney for a  
 4.22 municipality or subdivision of government within Ramsey County for violation of a statute;  
 4.23 an ordinance; or a charter provision, rule, or regulation of a city; <sup>2</sup> all fines, penalties, and  
 4.24 forfeitures collected by the court administrator ~~shall~~ must be deposited in the state treasury  
 4.25 and distributed according to this paragraph. Except where a different disposition is provided  
 4.26 by section 299D.03, subdivision 5, or other law, on or before the last day of each month,  
 4.27 the court ~~shall~~ must pay over all fines, penalties, and forfeitures collected by the court  
 4.28 administrator during the previous month as follows: two-thirds paid to the treasurer of the  
 4.29 municipality or subdivision of government within Ramsey County and one-third credited  
 4.30 to (1) the highway user tax distribution fund, for traffic offenses, or (2) the state general  
 4.31 fund, for all other offenses.

4.32 All other fines, penalties, and forfeitures collected by the district court ~~shall~~ must be  
 4.33 distributed by the courts as provided by law.

5.1 (b) Fines, penalties, and forfeitures ~~shall~~ must be distributed as provided in paragraph  
5.2 (a) when:

5.3 (1) a city contracts with the county attorney for prosecutorial services under section  
5.4 484.87, subdivision 3; or

5.5 (2) the attorney general provides assistance to the city attorney under section 484.87,  
5.6 subdivision 5.

5.7 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 484.90, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

5.8 Subd. 6. **Allocation.** (a) In all cases prosecuted in district court by an attorney for a  
5.9 municipality or other subdivision of government within the county for violations of state  
5.10 statute; or of an ordinance; or charter provision, rule, or regulation of a city; <sup>2</sup> all fines,  
5.11 penalties, and forfeitures collected ~~shall~~ must be deposited in the state treasury and distributed  
5.12 according to this paragraph. For the purpose of this section, the county attorney ~~shall~~ must  
5.13 be considered the attorney for any town in which a violation occurs. Except where a different  
5.14 disposition is provided by section 299D.03, subdivision 5, 484.841, 484.85, or other law,  
5.15 on or before the last day of each month, the courts ~~shall~~ must pay over all fines, penalties,  
5.16 and forfeitures collected by the court administrator during the previous month as follows:

5.17 (1) 100 percent of all fines or penalties for parking violations for which complaints and  
5.18 warrants have not been issued to the treasurer of the city or town in which the offense was  
5.19 committed; and

5.20 (2) two-thirds of all other fines to the treasurer of the city or town in which the offense  
5.21 was committed and one-third credited to (1) the highway user tax distribution fund, for  
5.22 traffic offenses, or (2) the state general fund, for all other offenses.

5.23 All other fines, penalties, and forfeitures collected by the court administrator ~~shall~~ must  
5.24 be distributed by the courts as provided by law.

5.25 (b) Fines, penalties, and forfeitures ~~shall~~ must be distributed as provided in paragraph  
5.26 (a) when:

5.27 (1) a city contracts with the county attorney for prosecutorial services under section  
5.28 484.87, subdivision 3;

5.29 (2) a city has a population of 600 or less and has given the duty to prosecute cases to  
5.30 the county attorney under section 484.87; or

5.31 (3) the attorney general provides assistance to the county attorney as permitted by law.

6.1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 574.34, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

6.2 Subdivision 1. **General.** Fines and forfeitures not specially granted or appropriated by  
6.3 law ~~shall~~ must be paid into the treasury of the county where they are incurred, except in a  
6.4 county in a judicial district under section 480.181, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), the fines  
6.5 and forfeitures must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to (1) the highway user  
6.6 tax distribution fund, for traffic offenses, or (2) the general fund, for all other offenses.