

CHAPTER 234

H.B. No. 581

AN ACT

relating to the disposition of fines for certain speeding violations.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 144(b), Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways (Article 6701d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(b) When a person is convicted in a municipal court of the offense of operating a vehicle on a *highway in the state highway system, including* an interstate highway, as that term is defined in Subsection 144(c), at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances, the municipal court shall remit to the state treasurer any portion of the fine assessed and collected which exceeds two dollars (\$2) times the number of miles per hour by which the offender exceeded the posted speed limit as such excess speed is determined by a speed-measuring device as defined in Subsection 144(d). The number of miles per hour by which an offender exceeds the posted speed limit is determined by subtracting the posted prima facie speed limit from the number of miles per hour the offender is alleged to have driven at the time of the offense according to the summons or promise to appear. The state treasurer shall deposit funds received under this Section in the General Revenue Fund.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987, and applies only to the disposition of fines under Section 144, Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways (Article 6701d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), that are collected on or after that date. A fine collected before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in existence at the time the fine was collected and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on March 26, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 14, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved May 28, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.