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defensive driving schools; fees.

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SENATE BILL 1679

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 28-3396 AND 28-3397, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING
TO DEFENSIVE DRIVING SCHOOLS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 28-3396, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 28-3396. Court diversion fee

5 A. The presiding judge of each court shall:

6 1. Set the amount of the court diversion fee that an individual,
7 including an individual who holds a commercial driver license, who attends
8 a defensive driving school may be assessed.

9 2. Charge an individual a ~~forty-five dollar~~ \$45 surcharge if the
10 individual attends a defensive driving school.

11 3. Immediately inform the supreme court in writing of the amount of
12 the court diversion fee that is established for the court and the total
13 cost to attend a defensive driving school.

14 4. Immediately inform the supreme court in writing of any changes
15 in the total cost to attend a defensive driving school.

16 B. Payment of the court diversion fee and surcharge is in lieu of
17 payment of a civil penalty or criminal fine and any surcharge that are
18 imposed for a traffic violation.

19 C. The ~~driving school~~ COURT OF RECORD OR A VENDOR THAT IS
20 CONTRACTED BY THE COURT shall collect the court diversion fee and
21 surcharge before or at the time an individual attends the DRIVING school.
22 ~~On receipt of the diversion fee, the defensive driving school shall~~
23 ~~transmit the fee promptly to the appropriate court pursuant to procedures~~
24 ~~prescribed by the supreme court.~~ On receipt of the surcharge, the
25 ~~defensive driving school~~ COURT OF RECORD OR A VENDOR THAT IS CONTRACTED BY
26 THE COURT shall transmit the surcharge promptly to the state treasurer for
27 deposit, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, as follows:

28 1. The first ~~ten million four hundred thousand dollars~~ \$10,400,000
29 in revenue annually in the department of public safety forensics fund
30 established by section 41-1730.

31 2. All remaining money in the state general fund.

32 Sec. 2. Section 28-3397, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
33 read:

34 28-3397. Additional fees; disposition; vendors; fees

35 A. In addition to the court diversion fee and the fee for the cost
36 to attend a defensive driving school, a person who attends a defensive
37 driving school pursuant to this article or by a court order shall pay a
38 fee of not more than ~~fifteen dollars~~ \$15 that is established by the
39 supreme court.

40 B. Before or at the time an individual attends a defensive driving
41 school, the ~~school~~ COURT OF RECORD OR A VENDOR THAT IS CONTRACTED BY THE
42 COURT shall collect the defensive driving school fund fee established
43 pursuant to this section and the fee, if any, charged by the defensive
44 driving school for the course.

1 C. The ~~defensive driving school~~ COURT OF RECORD OR A VENDOR THAT IS
2 CONTRACTED BY THE COURT shall transmit the fee established by the supreme
3 court pursuant to this section to the supreme court. The supreme court
4 shall deposit the fee in the defensive driving school fund established by
5 section 28-3398 pursuant to procedures established by the supreme court.

6 D. A VENDOR THAT IS CONTRACTED BY THE COURT TO PROCESS PAYMENTS
7 UNDER THIS SECTION:

- 8 1. MAY CHARGE AN INDIVIDUAL A FEE OF NOT MORE THAN \$6.
- 9 2. MUST COMPLY WITH SUPREME COURT RULES RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.

10 Sec. 3. Effective date

11 This act is effective from and after May 31, 2025.