

ASSEMBLY, No. 1916

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicle offenses and supplementing chapter  
2 5 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. In addition to any fine, penalty or forfeiture imposed and  
8 collected under authority of law for any violation of the provisions of  
9 Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, the court also may impose upon the  
10 offender a special assessment for each violation. The amount of the  
11 special assessment authorized under this section shall not exceed 20  
12 percent of the total amount of the fine, penalty or forfeiture imposed  
13 by the court for the violation. The amounts assessed under this  
14 section and collected by the court shall be forwarded to the chief  
15 financial officer of the municipality and deposited in a separate account  
16 to be known as the "(Municipality) Law Enforcement Fund." The  
17 moneys deposited in the fund shall be used exclusively for the  
18 purposes of defraying the municipality's law enforcement costs.

19 In the case of a municipality that has not established a police  
20 department or force pursuant to N.J.S.40A:14-118, the court shall  
21 forward any amounts assessed and collected under this section to the  
22 chief financial officer of the county wherein that municipality is  
23 located, who shall deposit them in a separate account. The amounts  
24 deposited in that account shall be used exclusively for the purpose of  
25 reducing the amounts the property taxpayers of that county are  
26 required to pay to the county in property taxes in the subsequent tax  
27 year.

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29 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month  
30 following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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35 This bill permits the municipal court to impose an additional  
36 assessment on all motor vehicle violation fines and penalties. The  
37 amount of the additional assessment may not exceed 20 percent of the

1 total fine or penalty the court imposes for the violation itself. The  
2 amounts assessed and collected by the court are to be forwarded to the  
3 chief financial officer of the municipality and deposited in a special  
4 municipal law enforcement fund. The moneys in the fund are to be  
5 expended exclusively for the purpose of defraying the municipality's  
6 costs of providing law enforcement services.

7 In the case of a municipality that does not have a municipal police  
8 force, any amounts assessed and collected under this bill are to be  
9 forwarded to the chief financial officer of the county and deposited in  
10 a special account. These amounts are to be used in the following tax  
11 year to reduce county property taxes.

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16 Permits additional assessment on motor vehicle violations to defray  
17 municipal police costs.