

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 212, *approved August 18, 1997*
Assembly, No. 2467

1 **AN ACT** concerning municipal contracts with private firms for the
2 collection of municipal court fines, costs, surcharges and penalties
3 and amending P.L.1983, c.208.

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

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8 1. Section 1 of P.L.1983, c.208 (C.40:48-5a) is amended to read
9 as follows:

10 1. The governing body of any municipality may enter into contract
11 with a private agency or firm for the purpose of collecting delinquent
12 fines, costs, surcharges and other penalties that are owed to or
13 required to be collected by the municipality as a result of any
14 municipal court matter, including, but not limited to parking violation
15 fines [owed to the municipality] and motor vehicle violation fines.
16 Any such contract shall be made and awarded pursuant to the
17 provisions of the "Local Public Contracts Law," P.L.1971, c. 198
18 (C.40A:11-1 et seq.).
19 (cf: P.L.1983, c.208, s.1)

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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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26 This bill would expand the types of municipal penalties for which
27 a municipality could contract with a private firm to perform collection
28 services. Under current law, a municipality can contract with a private
29 firm only for the collection of delinquent parking violation fines. This
30 bill would permit the collection contract to include the collection of all
31 fines, costs, surcharges and other penalties owed to or required to be
32 collected by the municipality as a result of any municipal court matter.

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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3 Permits municipal contract with private firms for collection of all
4 municipal court fines, costs, surcharges and penalties owed to or
5 collected by the municipality.