

By Representative Gottlieb

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to residential traffic calming  
3           programs; amending s. 318.21, F.S.; authorizing  
4           municipalities to impose a surcharge on civil  
5           penalties for traffic infractions to fund  
6           residential traffic calming programs;  
7           prohibiting the levying of said surcharge on  
8           traffic infractions occurring on certain  
9           highways; requiring the proceeds from such  
10          surcharge to be deposited in the Community  
11          Traffic Safety Trust Fund; providing for  
12          distribution of such funds; providing an  
13          effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17           Section 1. Subsection (13) is added to section 318.21,  
18 Florida Statutes, to read:

19           318.21 Disposition of civil penalties by county  
20 courts.--All civil penalties received by a county court  
21 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall be  
22 distributed and paid monthly as follows:

23           (13)(a) A municipality may, by majority vote of the  
24 governing board of the municipality, impose a surcharge on the  
25 amount of civil penalties required under s. 318.18 for traffic  
26 infractions for the sole purpose of funding residential  
27 traffic calming programs. The surcharge may not be levied on  
28 traffic infractions occurring on public highways or interstate  
29 highways. The surcharge must be authorized by ordinance  
30 requiring public hearings.

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1        (b) The proceeds of this surcharge must be placed in a  
2 trust fund established by the governing body of the  
3 municipality called the Community Traffic Safety Trust Fund.  
4 Funds collected from this surcharge must be distributed  
5 quarterly to fund residential traffic calming programs.

6            Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
7 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

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Authorizes municipalities to impose a surcharge on civil penalties for traffic infractions to fund residential traffic calming programs. Prohibits the levying of said surcharge on traffic infractions occurring on public or interstate highways. Requires the proceeds from such surcharge to be deposited in the Community Traffic Safety Trust Fund. Provides for distribution of such funds.

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