

By Representative Gottlieb

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to traffic control programs;  
3           amending s. 318.21, F.S.; authorizing  
4           municipalities and counties to impose a  
5           surcharge on civil penalties for traffic  
6           infractions to fund traffic control and safety  
7           programs; prohibiting the levying of said  
8           surcharge on traffic infractions occurring on  
9           interstate highways; requiring the proceeds  
10          from such surcharge to be deposited in the  
11          Community Traffic Safety Trust Fund; providing  
12          for distribution of such funds; providing an  
13          exception; providing an 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 or county may, by majority vote  
24 of the governing board of the municipality or county, impose a  
25 surcharge on the amount of civil penalties required under s.  
26 318.18 for traffic infractions for the purposes of funding  
27 residential traffic calming programs, crossing guards in  
28 school zones, and police monitoring in school zones. The  
29 surcharge may not be levied on traffic infractions occurring  
30 on interstate highways. The surcharge must be authorized by  
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1 ordinance requiring public hearings and shall not be more than  
2 \$5.

3 (b) The proceeds of this surcharge must be placed in a  
4 trust fund established by the governing body of the  
5 municipality or county called the Community Traffic Safety  
6 Trust Fund. Funds collected from this surcharge must be  
7 distributed quarterly to fund residential traffic calming  
8 programs, crossing guards in school zones, and police  
9 monitoring in school zones.

10 (c) This subsection shall not apply to counties with a  
11 population of less than 1 million.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
13 law.

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15 HOUSE SUMMARY

16 Authorizes municipalities and counties to impose a  
17 surcharge on civil penalties for traffic infractions to  
18 fund traffic control and safety programs. Prohibits the  
19 levying of said surcharge on traffic infractions  
20 occurring on interstate highways. Requires the proceeds  
21 from such surcharge to be deposited in the Community  
22 Traffic Safety Trust Fund. Provides for distribution of  
23 such funds. Providing an exception.  
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