

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to interstate highway safety; creating the  
 3           interstate highway traffic safety priority program area in  
 4           the Department of Transportation Highway Safety Grant  
 5           Program; providing requirements for awarding grants;  
 6           amending s. 318.18, F.S.; providing for a surcharge for  
 7           disposition of traffic infractions; amending s. 318.21,  
 8           F.S.; providing for distribution of the surcharge;  
 9           providing an effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. Interstate highway safety grants.--An  
 14 interstate highway traffic safety priority program area is added  
 15 to the Department of Transportation Highway Safety Grant  
 16 Program. Grants awarded under this priority program area shall  
 17 be available to any law enforcement agency with jurisdiction to  
 18 enforce traffic laws on an interstate highway. Grants under this  
 19 program area shall be awarded using the same procedures and  
 20 criteria used for other program areas, as applicable, except  
 21 that grants under this program area must be used for interstate  
 22 highway traffic safety to assist in addressing traffic safety  
 23 deficiencies, expand an ongoing activity, or develop a new  
 24 program related to interstate highway traffic safety.

25           Section 2. Subsection (14) is added to section 318.18,  
 26 Florida Statutes, to read:

27           318.18 Amount of civil penalties.--The penalties required  
 28 for a noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14 are as  
 29 follows:

30           (14) In addition to any penalties imposed for noncriminal  
 31 traffic infractions pursuant to this chapter, a \$20 surcharge  
 32 shall be paid for each infraction and shall be distributed as  
 33 provided under s. 318.21(13).

34           Section 3. Subsection (13) is added to section 318.21,  
 35 Florida Statutes, to read:

36           318.21 Disposition of civil penalties by county  
 37 courts.--All civil penalties received by a county court pursuant  
 38 to the provisions of this chapter shall be distributed and paid  
 39 monthly as follows:

40           (13) The additional surcharge on traffic infractions  
 41 provided for under s. 318.18(14) shall be collected and remitted  
 42 by the clerk of the court to the Department of Revenue to be  
 43 distributed as follows:

44           (a) Ten dollars of each surcharge collected shall be  
 45 distributed to the Department of Transportation Highway Safety  
 46 Grant Program to enhance funds available for grant awards under  
 47 the interstate highway traffic safety priority program area.

48           (b) Ten dollars of each surcharge collected shall be  
 49 deposited into the General Revenue Fund to be used to improve  
 50 highway safety and enhance traffic law enforcement on interstate  
 51 highways.

52           Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.