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An act relating to local government finances; amending s. 218.21, F.S.; deleting a time limitation on certain increases to guaranteed entitlement to certain state revenue sharing for certain municipalities; amending s. 318.18, F.S.; saving from repeal a local government surcharge on penalties for noncriminal dispositions; repealing s. 95, ch. 2003-402, Laws of Florida, relating to the removal of certain increases to guaranteed entitlement; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 218.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

218.21 Definitions.--As used in this part, the following words and terms shall have the meanings ascribed them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(6) "Guaranteed entitlement" means the amount of revenue which must be shared with an eligible unit of local government so that:

(a) No eligible county shall receive less funds from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Counties in any fiscal year than the amount received in the aggregate from the state in fiscal year 1971-1972 under the provisions of the then-existing s. 210.20(2)(c), tax on cigarettes; the then-existing s. 323.16(4),

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road tax; and the then-existing s. 199.292(4), tax on intangible personal property.

- (b) No eligible municipality shall receive less funds from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities in any fiscal year than the aggregate amount it received from the state in fiscal year 1971-1972 under the provisions of the then-existing s. 210.20(2)(a), tax on cigarettes; the then-existing s. 323.16(3), road tax; and s. 206.605, tax on motor fuel. Any government exercising municipal powers under s. 6(f), Art. VIII of the State Constitution may not receive less than the aggregate amount it received from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities in the preceding fiscal year, plus, through fiscal year 2008-2009, a percentage increase in such amount equal to the percentage increase of the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities for the preceding fiscal year.
- Section 2. Subsection (14) of section 318.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 318.18 Amount of civil penalties.--The penalties required for a noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14 are as follows:
- (14) In addition to any penalties imposed for noncriminal traffic infractions under this chapter or imposed for criminal violations listed in s. 318.17, any unit of local government that is consolidated as provided by s. 9, Art. VIII of the State Constitution of 1885, as preserved by s. 6(e), Art. VIII of the State Constitution of 1968, and that is granted the authority in the State Constitution to exercise all the powers of a municipal corporation, and any unit of local government operating under a

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 home rule charter adopted pursuant to ss. 10, 11, and 24, Art. VIII of the State Constitution of 1885, as preserved by s. 6(e), Art. VIII of the State Constitution of 1968, that is granted the authority in the State Constitution to exercise all the powers conferred now or hereafter by general law upon municipalities, may impose by ordinance a surcharge of up to \$15 for any infraction or violation. Revenue from the surcharge shall be transferred to such unit of local government for the purpose of replacing fine revenue deposited into the clerk's fine and forfeiture fund under s. 142.01. The court may not waive this surcharge. Proceeds from the imposition of the surcharge authorized in this subsection shall not be used for the purpose of securing payment of the principal and interest on bonds. This subsection, and any surcharge imposed pursuant to this subsection, shall stand repealed September 30, 2007.

Section 3. <u>Section 95 of chapter 2003-402</u>, <u>Laws of Florida</u>, is repealed.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.