

HB 57 -- FAILURE TO APPEAR

SPONSOR: Walton Gray

This bill specifies that an individual must not be assessed any additional penalty and an arrest warrant must not be issued if the individual fails to appear in municipal court for any traffic or ordinance violation if the failure to appear occurs once in a 12 month period in the same jurisdiction following the date of the traffic or ordinance violation. If the individual fails to appear two or more times in a 12 month period for a traffic ordinance violation, the municipal court may assess additional penalties, but is prohibited from issuing an arrest warrant. The court may use a collection agency to collect any money owed by the individual.