

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 370

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE COX.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 479, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to municipal traffic violations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 479, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 479.055, to read as follows:

479.055. 1. In addition to all other court costs for municipal traffic violations, any municipality may by ordinance provide for an additional surcharge in an amount of up to seven dollars per case for each municipal traffic violation case. No additional surcharge shall be collected in any proceeding involving a municipal traffic violation when the proceeding or defendant has been dismissed by the court.

2. The judge may waive the assessment of the additional surcharge imposed by subsection 1 of this section where the defendant is found by the court to be indigent and unable to pay the cost.

3. The additional surcharge imposed by subsection 1 of this section shall be calculated by the clerk and disbursed to the municipality at least monthly. The municipality shall use such additional costs to fund legal representation for indigent veterans in civil matters involving housing, public benefits, domestic violence, family law, and health, except fifty percent of such costs may be used to fund representation of indigent individuals in civil matters. The municipality shall contract with a not-for-profit legal aid organization for the provisions of the services under this subsection.

4. The surcharge authorized by this provision shall be collected and disbursed as provided by section 479.080.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **5. No court costs shall be assessed under this section until the municipality has**
19 **passed an ordinance authorizing the assessment and collection of such court costs.**

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