

HB 1249 -- MUNICIPAL COURTS

SPONSOR: Plocher

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules-Legislative Oversight Committee by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill allows a court to order credit for time served when an individual has been held in custody for a show cause order pertaining to any matter related to a minor traffic violation. The bill further requires any summons, notice to appear, or citation for a minor traffic violation to include the date and time a defendant is to appear in court when the defendant is first provided the summons, notice to appear, or citation. If the summons does not include such information when first given to the defendant, the summons will be void.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 380 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill corrects some of the unintended consequences of SB 5 (2015).

Testifying for the bill was Representative Plocher.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.