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**By: Senator Conway**

Introduced and read first time: February 21, 1997

Assigned to: Rules

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Court Fees - Criminal Cases - Law Enforcement Agencies**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the District Court and a circuit court to impose an  
4 additional fee on a defendant who is convicted of a crime; requiring all money  
5 collected under this Act to be paid to the Comptroller of this State; requiring the  
6 Comptroller to deposit certain portions of the fees into the operating budgets of  
7 certain law enforcement agencies; providing for the termination of this Act; and  
8 generally relating to additional court fees in criminal cases.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
11 Section 7-406  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

17 7-406.

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "COURT" MEANS THE DISTRICT COURT OR A CIRCUIT  
19 COURT.

20 (B) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER COSTS REQUIRED BY LAW, THE COURT  
21 SHALL IMPOSE ON A DEFENDANT WHO IS CONVICTED OF A CRIME AN ADDITIONAL  
22 FEE OF \$10 IN THE CASE.

23 (C) (1) ALL MONEY COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID TO  
24 THE COMPTROLLER OF THIS STATE.

25 (2) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DEPOSIT EQUAL SHARES OF EACH FEE  
26 COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION INTO THE OPERATING BUDGET OF EACH LAW  
27 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WITH THE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THE LAWS WITHIN  
28 THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURT THAT COLLECTED THE FEE.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 July 1, 1997. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30,

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1 2000, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
2 abrogated and of no further force and effect.