

## Model Language: Capping Fines and Fees

### Purpose:

This proposal would place a 15% limit on additional fines and interest that can be added to an initial fine.

### Text:

#### Section 1.

- (1) An individual assessed a parking citation, civil citation, or administrative fine may not be charged:
  - (a) by the original jurisdiction that imposes the fine, late fees and interest in the aggregate that are more than 15% of the initial fine amount;
  - (b) and by a court, interest in the aggregate that is more than 15% of the initial fine amount.
- (2) An individual convicted of a misdemeanor or infraction and sentenced to pay a fine may not be charged interest on the judgment that in the aggregate is more than 15% of the initial fine; or
  - (a) By a court that issues an order to show cause for failure to pay the fine interest of more than 15% of the initial fine; and
  - (b) By the Office of State Debt Collection, late fees and interest that in the aggregate are more than 15% of the initial fine, or
  - (c) By third-party debt collector, late fees and interest in the aggregate that are more than 15% of the initial fine

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