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HOUSE BILL NO. 153

BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY

COURTS/CRIMINAL: Provides with respect to the collection of criminal court fines and fees

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:571.11(P), relative to the collection and reporting of debts for criminal
3 court fines or fees; to prohibit the referral of a debt for criminal fines or fees to the
4 office of debt recovery for collection; to prohibit the reporting of a debt for criminal
5 fines or fees to a credit bureau or consumer reporting agency; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 15:571.11(P) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §571.11. Dispositions of fines and forfeitures

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11 P. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a debt for a
12 fine or conviction fee in criminal cases and prosecutions for violations of state law
13 or parish ordinances shall not be referred for collection to the Department of
14 Revenue, office of debt recovery, or reported to a credit bureau or consumer
15 reporting agency.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the referral of a debt for criminal court fines or fees to the office of debt recovery for collection and prohibits the reporting of the debt to a credit bureau or consumer reporting agency.

Present law establishes the office of debt recovery within the Dept. of Revenue. Establishes among the office's powers and duties the authority to recover delinquent debts.

Proposed law retains present law and prohibits the referral for debt collection of criminal fines or fees to the office of debt recovery.

Proposed law prohibits the reporting of a debt for criminal fines and fees to a credit bureau or consumer reporting agency.

(Adds R.S. 15:571.11(P))