

2026 Regular Session

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 reporting of a debt for criminal fines or fees to a
4 credit bureau or consumer reporting agency; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

7 §571.11. Dispositions of fines and forfeitures

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9 P. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a debt for a
10 fine or conviction fee in criminal cases and prosecutions for violations of state law
11 or parish ordinances, excluding violations of any traffic law found in Title 32 of the
12 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 or municipal law, shall not be reported to a credit
13 bureau or consumer reporting agency.

DIGEST

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HB 153 Engrossed

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Abstract: Prohibits the referral of a debt for criminal court fines or fees to a credit bureau or consumer reporting agency and provides certain exceptions.

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

Proposed law does not apply to violations of traffic laws found in R.S. 32.1 et seq. or municipal laws.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Delete provisions prohibiting the referral of criminal fines and fees for debt collection to the office of debt recovery.
2. Exclude violations of traffic laws found in present law (R.S. 32.1 et seq.) or municipal laws from the prohibition of reporting the debt to a credit bureau or consumer reporting agency.