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H.B. No. 1519

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disposition of fines for traffic violations collected by certain municipalities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 542.402(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In each fiscal year, a municipality having a population of less than 1,000 [~~5,000~~] may retain, from fines collected for violations of this title and from special expenses collected under Article 45.051, Code of Criminal Procedure, in cases in which a violation of this title is alleged, an amount equal to 30 percent of the municipality's revenue for the preceding fiscal year from all sources, other than federal funds and bond proceeds, as shown by the audit performed under Section 103.001, Local Government Code. After a municipality has retained that amount, the municipality shall send to the comptroller any portion of a fine or a special expense collected that exceeds \$1.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.