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S.B. No. 740

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the assessment of court costs and fees on conviction of
3 multiple offenses or on conviction of multiple counts of the same
4 offense.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 102, Code of Criminal
7 Procedure, is amended by adding Article 102.073 to read as follows:

8 Art. 102.073. ASSESSMENT OF COURT COSTS AND FEES IN A SINGLE
9 CRIMINAL ACTION. (a) In a single criminal action in which a
10 defendant is convicted of two or more offenses or of multiple counts
11 of the same offense, the court may assess each court cost or fee
12 only once against the defendant.

13 (b) In a criminal action described by Subsection (a), each
14 court cost or fee the amount of which is determined according to the
15 category of offense must be assessed using the highest category of
16 offense that is possible based on the defendant's convictions.

17 (c) This article does not apply to a single criminal action
18 alleging only the commission of two or more offenses punishable by
19 fine only for which a citation or notice to appear was issued in
20 accordance with Article 14.06(b) of this code or Section 543.004,
21 Transportation Code, as applicable.

22 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
23 court cost or fee imposed on or after the effective date of this
24 Act, regardless of whether the offense for which the cost or fee was

1 imposed was committed before, on, or after that date.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.