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A Bill

SENATE BILL 537

By: Senator Flippo

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF THE MANDATORY SEAT BELT USE LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF THE MANDATORY SEAT BELT USE LAW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-17-129, concerning a levy to defray the cost of incarcerating city and county prisoners, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(f) With respect to a violation of § 27-37-701 et seq., § 27-37-706 controls the maximum amount of fines that may be imposed under this section.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-37-706(a), concerning the penalties and court costs for a violation of the mandatory seat belt use law, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) A person who violates this subchapter shall be subject to a fine not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), unless a local fine under § 16-17-129 has also been provided for by law.

(2) However, the total amount of the fines levied under this section and § 16-17-129 shall not exceed forty-five dollars (\$45.00).

(3) A person who chooses to pay the fine under this section and § 16-17-129, if applicable, before his or her first appearance under this



subsection, is considered ~~having~~ to have pleaded nolo contendere to the violation.

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