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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to Washington County; to authorize the
14 sheriff to collect a motor vehicle impoundment fee when a
15 motor vehicle was impounded by the sheriff because the vehicle
16 was being used to transport illegal drugs; and to provide for
17 deposit, distribution, and use of the funds.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

19 Section 1. The Sheriff of Washington County or the
20 authorized agent of the sheriff shall collect a motor vehicle
21 impoundment fee in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100)
22 from the owner or operator of a motor vehicle impounded by the
23 sheriff because the vehicle was being used to transport
24 illegal drugs within the county.

25 Section 2. (a) The sheriff shall establish and
26 maintain a Sheriff's Vehicle Impoundment Fund in a bank
27 located in Washington County. All proceeds collected pursuant

1 to this act shall be deposited by the sheriff into the
2 Sheriff's Vehicle Impoundment Fund.

3 (b) The sheriff shall keep an account of all monies
4 collected and transactions of the Sheriff's Vehicle
5 Impoundment Fund for audit by the Department of Examiners of
6 Public Accounts. The vehicle impoundment fund shall be audited
7 at the same time other accounts of the sheriff are audited.
8 The Department of Examiners of Public Accounts shall submit a
9 copy of the audit to the sheriff within 30 days of its
10 completion.

11 Section 3. All funds deposited in the fund shall be
12 expended at the discretion of the Sheriff of Washington County
13 for law enforcement purposes in the interest of the public as
14 the sheriff sees fit.

15 Section 4. The establishment of the Sheriff's
16 Vehicle Impoundment Fund and the use of the proceeds shall not
17 diminish or take the place of any other source of income
18 established for the sheriff or the operation of the office of
19 the sheriff.

20 Section 5. Any actions relating to the collection of
21 these funds prior to the effective date of this act are
22 ratified and confirmed. Any existing proceeds derived from the
23 collection of these funds in the county prior to the effective
24 date of this act shall be deposited into the Sheriff's Vehicle
25 Impoundment Fund created by this act.

1 Section 6. This act shall become effective
2 immediately following its passage and approval by the
3 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.