

1 **FINES AND FEES AMENDMENTS**

2 2019 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay**

5 House Sponsor: Marc K. Roberts

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill modifies provisions related to fines.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

- 12 ▶ clarifies when a fine for an individual may apply; and
- 13 ▶ makes technical changes.

14 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

15 None

16 **Other Special Clauses:**

17 This bill provides a special effective date.

18 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

19 AMENDS:

20 **76-3-301 (Effective 07/01/19)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 234

22 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

23 Section 1. Section **76-3-301 (Effective 07/01/19)** is amended to read:

24 **76-3-301 (Effective 07/01/19). Fines of individuals.**

25 (1) An individual convicted of an offense may be sentenced to pay a fine, not
26 exceeding:

27 (a) \$10,000 for a felony conviction of the first degree or second degree;

28 (b) \$5,000 for a felony conviction of the third degree;

29 (c) \$2,500 for a class A misdemeanor conviction;

- 30 (d) \$1,000 for a class B misdemeanor conviction;
- 31 (e) \$750 for a class C misdemeanor conviction or infraction conviction; and
- 32 (f) any greater amounts specifically authorized by statute.

33 (2) (a) An individual convicted of a misdemeanor or infraction and sentenced to pay a
34 fine may not be charged by a court:

35 (i) notwithstanding Section 15-1-4, interest on the judgment that in the aggregate is
36 more than 25% of the initial fine; or

37 (ii) ~~[by a court]~~ that issues an order to show cause under Section 78B-6-317 for failure
38 to pay the fine, interest that is more than 25% of the initial fine.

39 (b) An individual convicted of an infraction and sentenced to pay a fine may not be
40 charged:

41 (i) by the Office of State Debt Collection, late fees and interest that in the aggregate are
42 more than 25% of the initial fine; or

43 (ii) by a third-party debt ~~[collector, late fees and interest in the aggregate that are more~~
44 ~~than 25% of the initial fine]~~ contractor of the Office of State Debt Collection, additional fees.

45 (3) Subsection (2) does not apply to ~~[an offense]~~ a case that includes:

46 (a) victim restitution; or

47 (b) a felony conviction, even if that felony conviction is later reduced.

48 (4) This section does not apply to a corporation, association, partnership, government,
49 or governmental instrumentality.

50 **Section 2. Effective date.**

51 This bill takes effect July 1, 2019.