CHAPTER 97-208

House Bill No. 553

An act relating to fines; amending s. 939.017, F.S.; providing that fines collected for misdemeanor convictions involving drug or alcohol shall be forwarded to the jurisdictional county of collection rather than to the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services; providing for the deposit of such fines in the local County Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Trust Fund; repealing s. 397.321(20), F.S.; conforming to the act; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 939.017, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

939.017 Misdemeanor convictions involving drugs or alcohol; additional costs.—

(1)

(b) The clerk of the court shall collect the \$15 and forward \$14 thereof to the jurisdictional county of collection as described in s. 893.165(2) Treasurer to be deposited to the credit of the <u>County Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Trust Fund</u> Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services for allocation to local substance abuse treatment programs under <u>s. 893.165</u> s. 397.321. The clerk shall retain the remaining \$1 of each \$15 collected as a service charge of the clerk's office.

Section 2. <u>Subsection (20) of section 397.321, Florida Statutes, is hereby</u> repealed.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Became a law without the Governor's approval May 30, 1997.

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