HOUSE BILL 110

## 54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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## AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; PROVIDING THAT A JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE

ISSUED BY A DISTRICT COURT THAT INCLUDES AN ASSESSMENT OF

FINES, FEES OR COSTS CONSTITUTES A MONEY JUDGMENT HJC→;

PROVIDING THAT A DISTRICT, METROPOLITAN OR MAGISTRATE COURT MAY

ADD TO THE UNDERLYING JUDGMENT REASONABLE COSTS OF COLLECTION

PURSUANT TO THE JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE←HJC.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 34, Article 6 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

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"[NEW MATERIAL] COLLECTION OF FINES, FEES OR COSTS.--A judgment and sentence issued by a district court that includes an assessment of fines, fees or costs shall constitute a money judgment that may be enforced in the same manner as a civil judgment. The money judgment may be assigned by the court to a public or private agency or business for collection purposes, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a written agreement entered into by the court and the agency or business HJC→."←HJC HJC→ The court may add reasonable costs of collection not to exceed twenty-five percent of any fines, fees or costs that remain unpaid for more than ninety days pursuant to the judgment and sentence."

SECTION 2. Section 34-8A-13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 261, Section 6) is amended to read:

judgment and sentence issued by [the Bernalillo county] a metropolitan court that includes an assessment of fines, fees or costs shall constitute a money judgment that may be enforced in the same manner as a civil judgment in [the] a district court. The money judgment may be assigned by the court to a public or private agency or business for collection purposes, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a written agreement entered into by the court and the agency or business. The court may add reasonable costs of collection not to exceed twenty-five percent of any fines, fees or costs that remain .211318.1

unpaid for more than ninety days pursuant to the judgment and sentence."

SECTION 3. Section 35-6-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 261, Section 8) is amended to read:

"35-6-6. COLLECTION OF FINES, FEES OR COSTS.--A judgment and sentence issued by a magistrate court that includes an assessment of fines, fees or costs shall constitute a money judgment that may be enforced in the same manner as a civil judgment in [the] a district court. The money judgment may be assigned by the court to a public or private agency or business for collection purposes, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a written agreement entered into by the court and the agency or business. The court may add reasonable costs of collection not to exceed twenty-five percent of any fines, fees or costs that remain unpaid for more than ninety days pursuant to the judgment and sentence." \Lambda HJC

SECTION HJC $\rightarrow$ 4. 2.  $\leftarrow$ HJC EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2019.

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