



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 81**

January Session, 2003

Substitute House Bill No. 6560

*House of Representatives, March 27, 2003*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING THE WAIVER OF FEES AND COSTS IN CRIMINAL MATTERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 54-147 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) The judges of the Superior Court may establish rules, in addition  
4 to those [already] established by statute, for the payment of the  
5 expenses of all criminal proceedings or prosecutions, except such  
6 expenses as are incurred by the Division of Criminal Justice.

7 (b) No fee or cost imposed pursuant to any provision of the general  
8 statutes on a person who is a defendant or has been convicted in a  
9 criminal proceeding or prosecution shall be waived by the court,  
10 except as authorized by such provision or for good cause shown.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
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**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Type</b>	<b>FY 04 \$</b>	<b>FY 05 \$</b>
Judicial Dept.	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Less than 50,000	Less than 50,000

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill requires the court to find good cause when it waives statutory fees or costs imposed on defendants or someone who has been convicted of a crime. This change generally conforms statute to current practice and, as such, is expected to have a minor impact on the amount of revenue imposed by the court and deposited into the General Fund. However, to the extent that the bill's requirement decreases the number and amount of fees and costs waived, a minimal revenue gain could result.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits courts from waiving statutory fees or costs imposed on people charged with or convicted of crimes unless (1) a statute authorizes it or (2) they find good cause for doing so.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 41 Nay 0