



HF 658 – Speeding Fines, Rural Emergency Services Funding (LSB2337HV)
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Description

[House File 658](#) increases the fines for speeding in certain situations. The Bill increases the fine for each mile per hour of excessive speed over 20 miles per hour (mph) over the limit from \$5 to \$10. The additional mile-per-hour fine is in addition to the \$100 base fine. The Bill also increases the fine for speeding more than 25 mph in a road work zone from \$1,000 to \$1,500. The additional revenue is to be remitted to the Emergency Medical Services Fund established in Iowa Code section [135.25](#) and directed toward providing emergency medical services in rural, underserved areas of the State.

Background

Under current law, driving 20 mph over the speed limit incurs a \$100 fine plus an additional \$5 per mile over 20 mph. The current fine for driving 25 mph over the speed limit in a road work zone is \$1,000. In Fiscal Year 2018 there were 8,098 violations for driving over 20 mph and 20 violations for driving over 25 mph in a road work zone.

A 35.0% Criminal Penalty Surcharge is applied to each fine, 95.0% of which is remitted to the State. Of the State's share, 83.0% is remitted to the General Fund while 17.0% goes to the Victim Compensation Fund. The remaining 5.0% would go to the county or city where the violation occurred.

Court costs are estimated to be \$60 per violation.

Assumptions

- There will be approximately 8,098 violations per year for speeding in excess of 20 mph over the limit.
- There will be approximately 20 violations for speeding in excess of 25 mph in a road work zone.
- There will be a 63.8% collection rate for speeding violations.

Fiscal Impact

[House File 658](#) deposits the revenue from the increased fines in this Bill to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund. While the number of mph increments of excess speed over the 20-mph speed limit is unknown, **Table 1** provides revenue estimates from the increased fines for the following:

- For violations of one mph and five mph over the 20-mph threshold.
- For a speeding violation in excess of 25 mph in a road work zone.

Combining the revenues for driving one mph over 20-mph threshold and Road Work Zone violations, the Emergency Medical Services Fund would receive approximately \$32,100. For driving 5 mph over 20-mph threshold in addition to Road Work Zone violations, the Emergency Medical Services Fund would receive about \$135,500.

Table 2 shows the distribution of the surcharge revenue associated with the estimated increases in fines listed in **Table 1**. For violations for driving 21 mph over the speed limit and Road Work Zone violations, court cost revenue would not increase, the General Fund would receive an additional \$8,900, the Victim Compensation Fund \$1,800, and the local jurisdictions about \$600.

For violations for driving 25 mph over the speed limit and Road Work Zone speeding, court cost revenue would not increase, the General Fund would receive an approximate revenue increase of \$37,400, the Victim Compensation Fund \$7,700, and the local jurisdictions about \$2,400.

Table 1

Estimates of Annual Fiscal Impact for HF 658						
	21 Miles Over the Speed Limit Including Work Zone Violations			25 Miles Over the Speed Limit Including Work Zone Violations		
	Current Law	HF 658	Change	Current Law	HF658	Change
Fine Revenue						
Speeding	\$ 542,500	\$ 568,300	\$ 25,800	\$ 645,800	\$ 775,000	\$ 129,200
Road Work Zone	12,800	19,100	6,300	12,800	19,100	6,300
Subtotal	<u>\$ 555,300</u>	<u>\$ 587,400</u>	<u>\$ 32,100</u>	<u>\$ 658,600</u>	<u>\$ 794,100</u>	<u>\$ 135,500</u>
Other						
Surcharge	\$ 194,300	\$ 205,600	\$ 11,300	\$ 230,500	\$ 278,000	\$ 47,500
Court Costs	310,800	310,800	-	310,800	310,800	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,060,400</u>	<u>\$ 1,103,800</u>	<u>\$ 43,400</u>	<u>\$ 1,199,900</u>	<u>\$ 1,382,900</u>	<u>\$ 183,000</u>

*Revenue directed to Emergency Medical Services Fund.

Table 2

Distribution of Surcharge Revenue						
	21 Miles Over the Speed Limit Including Work Zone Violations			25 Miles Over the Speed Limit Including Work Zone Violations		
	Current Law	HF658	Change	Current Law	HF 658	Change
Distribution						
General Fund	\$ 153,200	\$ 162,100	\$ 8,900	\$ 181,800	\$ 219,200	\$ 37,400
Victim Comp. Fund	31,400	33,200	1,800	37,200	44,900	7,700
Local Jurisdiction	9,700	10,300	600	11,500	13,900	2,400
Surcharge Total	<u>\$ 194,300</u>	<u>\$ 205,600</u>	<u>\$ 11,300</u>	<u>\$ 230,500</u>	<u>\$ 278,000</u>	<u>\$ 47,500</u>

Sources

Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division, Department of Human Rights
LSA calculations

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The fiscal note for this Bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.