A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the repayment and cancellation of certain
2 fines issued pursuant to a proclamation of disaster
3 emergency relating to the novel coronavirus pandemic and
4 including effective date provisions.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
Section 1. NEW SECTION. 12.29 Novel coronavirus pandemic — fines — repayment.

1. The treasurer of state shall, in consultation with the alcoholic beverages division of the department of commerce and the department of public health, adopt by rule a process allowing a retailer, restaurant, or bar that has paid a fine to the state or an agency or department of the state as a result of the enforcement of a proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the governor in response to the novel coronavirus pandemic to submit an application for the repayment of such a fine. The treasurer of state shall provide public notice of the process.

2. Upon receipt of an application for the repayment of a fine submitted pursuant to subsection 1, the treasurer of state shall verify that the applicant is a retailer, restaurant, or bar and that the applicant paid a fine in the amount claimed in the application due to the enforcement of a proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the governor in response to the novel coronavirus pandemic. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the treasurer of state shall issue a payment in the amount of such a fine to the applicant.

3. For the purposes of this section, "retailer" means the same as defined in section 423.1.

Sec. 2. PROCLAMATIONS OF DISASTER EMERGENCY — CANCELLATION OF FINES. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state of Iowa and each department and agency of the state shall cancel any fine issued to but not yet paid by a retailer, restaurant, or bar as a result of the enforcement of a proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the governor in response to the novel coronavirus pandemic on or before the effective date of this Act.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
This bill relates to fines issued to retailers, restaurants, and bars as a result of the enforcement of a proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the governor in response to the novel coronavirus pandemic. The bill requires the treasurer of the state, in consultation with the alcoholic beverages division of the department of commerce and the department of public health, to adopt by rule a process allowing a retailer, restaurant, or bar that has paid a fine to the state or an agency or department of the state to submit an application to the treasurer of state for the repayment of such a fine. The treasurer of state shall verify the claims of each applicant prior to issuing a repayment.

The bill also requires the state and each agency and department of the state to cancel any fine issued to but not yet paid by a retailer, restaurant, or bar as a result of the enforcement of a proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the governor in response to the novel coronavirus pandemic on or before the effective date of the bill.

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