

SENATE BILL 644

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By: **Senator Klausmeier**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2019

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Circuit Court Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures – Funding – Drug Treatment and**
3 **Education**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the distribution of fines, penalties, and forfeitures that are
5 recovered in certain criminal cases concerning controlled dangerous substances,
6 prescriptions, and other substances to provide funding for county drug treatment
7 and education programs; and generally relating to altering the distribution of fines,
8 penalties, and forfeitures that are recovered in certain criminal cases.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
11 Section 7–506
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

17 7–506.

18 (a) Except as provided in § 7–302 of this title, in § 7–507 of this subtitle, or, as
19 otherwise provided by law, fines, penalties, and forfeitures that are recovered **IN A CIRCUIT**
20 **COURT** shall be paid to the county in which the crime occurred.

21 **(B) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, FINES,**
22 **PENALTIES, AND FORFEITURES THAT ARE RECOVERED IN A CASE IN A CIRCUIT**
23 **COURT FOR A VIOLATION UNDER TITLE 5 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE SHALL**
24 **BE ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) 95% TO THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE VIOLATION OCCURRED TO BE**
2 **USED FOR FUNDING DRUG TREATMENT AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS; AND**

3 **(2) 5% TO THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AS A COMMISSION.**

4 **[(b)](C)** No portion of any fine, penalty, or forfeiture may be paid to an informer.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2019.