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Representative Daniel McCay proposes the following substitute bill:

#### FINE AMENDMENTS

2018 GENERAL SESSION STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay
Senate Sponsor:

#### **LONG TITLE**

### **General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions \(\frac{\telated}{\telated}\) relating to fines.

### **Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- imposes limits on penalties for failure to pay fines when due for misdemeanors and infractions; and
- makes technical changes.

### Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

### **Other Special Clauses:**

None

#### **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

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#### AMENDS:

**76-3-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1995, Chapter 291

78B-6-310, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:* 

Section 1. Section **76-3-301** is amended to read:

### 76-3-301. Fines of individuals.

- (1) [A person] An individual convicted of an offense may be sentenced to pay a fine, not exceeding:
  - (a) \$10,000 for a felony conviction of the first degree or second degree;
  - (b) \$5,000 for a felony conviction of the third degree;
  - (c) \$2,500 for a class A misdemeanor conviction;
  - (d) \$1,000 for a class B misdemeanor conviction;
  - (e) \$750 for a class C misdemeanor conviction or infraction conviction; and
  - (f) any greater amounts specifically authorized by statute.
- (2) {(a)} An individual convicted of a misdemeanor or infraction and sentenced to pay a fine may not be charged:
- (<del>{i)</del> be charged a penalty} a) by the original jurisdiction that imposes the fine, late fees and interest in the aggregate that are more than 25% of the fine;
- (b) notwithstanding Section 15-1-4, interest on the judgment that in the aggregate is more than 25% of the fine;
- (c) by a court that issues an order to show cause under Section 78B-6-317 for failure to pay the fine, a fine, under Section 78B-6-310 for contempt for failure to pay the fine \{\frac{\text{when due}}{\text{if the total amount of penalties charged the individual for failure to pay the fine exceeds 50% of the fine the individual is sentenced to pay; or
- (ii) have a penalty imposed for failure to pay the fine more frequently than every 30 days from the day on which the fine is due.
- (b) For interest imposed on a fine, the total amount of interest that may be charged is 50% of the combined fine and penalties} originally imposed, which in the aggregate with late fees and interest are more than 25% of the fine originally imposed;
  - (d) by the Office of State Debt Collection, late fees and interest that in the aggregate

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### are more than 25% of the fine; or

- (e) by a third-party debt collector, late fees and interest in the aggregate that are more than 25% of the fine.
- [(2)] (3) This section does not apply to a corporation, association, partnership, government, or governmental instrumentality.

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### **Legislative Review Note**

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amended to read:

Section 2. Section 78B-6-310 is

# 78B-6-310. Contempt -- Action by court.

- (1) The court shall determine whether the person proceeded against is guilty of the contempt charged. If the court finds the person is guilty of the contempt, the court may impose a fine not exceeding \$1,000, order the person incarcerated in the county jail not exceeding 30 days, or both. However, a justice court judge or court commissioner may punish for contempt by a fine not to exceed \$500 or by incarceration for five days or both.
- (2) A fine imposed under this section is subject to the limitations of Subsection 76-3-301(2).