



Notice: State Criminal Costs and Fees Report Changes

House Bill (H.B.) 2048, approved during the 2019 legislative session, increases the state traffic fine (STF) in Transportation Code 542.4031 from \$30 to \$50, and changes the allowable service fee deduction from the current 5 percent to 4 percent. As the effective date of September 1, 2019 falls within the third-quarter reporting period, we are asking that only those STF amounts assessed and collected at the \$30 amount (allowing a 5 percent service fee) be reported on the third-quarter (193) report form. A revised form will be available for the fourth quarter. It will have a new, separate line for reporting \$50 STF amounts. Please withhold **only** the \$50 STF amounts collected in September until the fourth-quarter reporting period, when you will report collections from September, October, November and December with the 4 percent service fee.



Counties only: This approach will also apply to any money collected under the new intoxicated driver fine (also found in HB 2048). Please hold these collections until the fourth-quarter return.