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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to fines payable for driving without financial
2 liability coverage and providing penalties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.20B, subsection 4, Code 2005, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. Notwithstanding section 805.8A,
4 subsection 14, paragraph "f", an owner or driver who admits to
5 or is convicted of a violation of subsection 1, and who
6 produces to the clerk of court within thirty days of the date
7 of conviction, proof of financial liability coverage, shall
8 have the fine imposed reduced to twenty-five dollars, or if
9 the violation is in connection with a motor vehicle accident,
10 to one hundred seventy-five dollars. Upon payment of the fine
11 to the clerk of court of the county where the citation was
12 issued, payment of a fifteen dollar administrative fee to the
13 county treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle is
14 registered, and providing proof of payment of the applicable
15 fine and proof of financial liability coverage to the county
16 treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle is
17 registered, the treasurer shall issue new license plates and
18 registration to the owner.

19 Sec. 2. Section 805.8A, subsection 14, paragraph f, Code
20 2005, is amended to read as follows:

21 f. PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. ~~ff~~ Except as
22 provided in section 321.20B, if, in connection with a motor
23 vehicle accident, a person is charged and found guilty of a
24 violation of section 321.20B, subsection 1, the scheduled fine
25 is five hundred dollars; otherwise, the scheduled fine for a
26 violation of section 321.20B, subsection 1, is two hundred
27 fifty dollars. Notwithstanding section 805.12, fines
28 collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be submitted to the
29 state court administrator and distributed fifty percent to the
30 victim compensation fund established in section 915.94,
31 twenty-five percent to the county in which such fine is
32 imposed, and twenty-five percent to the general fund of the
33 state.

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EXPLANATION

35 This bill relates to fines that are imposed for driving

1 without financial liability coverage. The bill provides that,
2 notwithstanding the scheduled fines for this violation that
3 are contained in Code section 805.8A, subsection 14, paragraph
4 "f", an owner or driver who admits to or is convicted of this
5 violation and who provides proof that the person has obtained
6 financial liability coverage within 30 days of the date of
7 conviction shall have the fine payable reduced to \$25, or to
8 \$175 if the violation is in connection with a motor vehicle
9 accident. If the owner provides proof of payment of the
10 applicable fine and proof of financial liability coverage and
11 pays a \$15 administrative fee to the county treasurer of the
12 county in which the motor vehicle is registered, the treasurer
13 shall issue new license plates and registration to the owner.

14 Currently, a person who admits to or is found guilty of a
15 violation of the financial liability coverage requirements is
16 subject to a scheduled fine of \$250 or of \$500, if the
17 violation occurs in connection with a motor vehicle accident.

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