

1 H.216

2 Introduced by Representative Branagan of Georgia

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Missing person tipster fund

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to establish a missing person tipster
7 fund to provide rewards to persons who provide law enforcement with
8 information that is instrumental in locating missing Vermonters.

9 An act relating to the missing person tipster fund

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 1829 is added to read:

12 § 1829. MISSING PERSON TIPSTER FUND

13 There is hereby established in the state treasury a fund to be known as the
14 missing person tipster fund, to be administered by the department of public
15 safety from which payments may be made to provide rewards to persons who
16 provide law enforcement with information that is instrumental in locating
17 missing Vermonters. There shall be deposited in the fund all monies from fees
18 imposed by the clerk of the court and designated for deposit into the missing
19 person tipster fund in accordance with subdivision 7282(a)(8)(C) of Title 13,
20 together with such sums as may be appropriated to the fund by the general

1 assembly. All balances in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried
2 forward and remain a part of the fund. Disbursements from the fund shall be
3 made by the state treasurer on warrants drawn by the commissioner of finance
4 and management. Notwithstanding anything in this section or any other
5 provision of law to the contrary, revenue from the surcharge fees deposited
6 into the missing person tipster fund shall be used exclusively to provide
7 rewards to persons who provide law enforcement with information that is
8 instrumental in locating missing Vermonters and for no other purpose.

9 Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 7281 is amended to read:

10 § 7281. STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

11 It is the intention of the general assembly to use the funds collected under
12 this subchapter to finance and help defray the cost of the victims assistance
13 ~~program~~ and the missing person tipster fund programs, victims compensation
14 and the cost of training provided by the criminal justice training council.

15 Sec. 3. 13 V.S.A. § 7282 is amended to read:

16 § 7282. ASSESSMENT

17 (a) In addition to any penalty or fine imposed by the court or judicial
18 bureau for a criminal offense or any civil penalty imposed for a traffic
19 violation, including any violation of a fish and wildlife statute or regulation,
20 violation of a motor vehicle statute, or violation of any local ordinance relating
21 to the operation of a motor vehicle, except violations relating to seat belts and

1 child restraints and ordinances relating to parking violations, the clerk of the
2 court or judicial bureau shall levy an additional fee of:

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4 (8)(A) For any offense or violation committed after June 30, 2006, but
5 before July 1, 2008, \$26.00, of which \$18.75 shall be deposited in the victims'
6 compensation special fund and \$2.25 shall be deposited into the criminal
7 justice training council special fund established in section 2363 of Title 20.

8 (B) For any offense or violation committed after June 30, 2008, but
9 before July 1, 2009, \$36.00, of which \$28.75 shall be deposited in the victims'
10 compensation special fund and \$2.25 shall be deposited into the criminal
11 justice training council special fund established in section 2363 of Title 20.

12 (C) For any offense or violation committed after June 30, 2009,
13 \$36.50, of which \$28.75 shall be deposited in the victims' compensation
14 special fund, \$2.25 shall be deposited into the criminal justice training council
15 special fund established in section 2363 of Title 20, and \$0.50 shall be
16 deposited into the missing person tipster fund established in section 1829 of
17 Title 20.

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