

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 57

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTON GRAY.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 479, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to failure to appear in municipal court.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 479, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 479.012, to read as follows:

479.012. Notwithstanding any provision of law, a person shall not be assessed any additional penalty and an arrest warrant shall not be issued if such person fails to appear in municipal court for any traffic or ordinance violation or violations if such failure to appear occurs once in a twelve-month period in the same jurisdiction following the date of the traffic or ordinance violation or violations. If such person fails to appear two or more times in such twelve-month period for a traffic or ordinance violation or violations, the municipal court may assess additional penalties, except no arrest warrant shall be issued. In lieu of an arrest warrant, such court may opt to use a collection agency to collect any moneys owed by such person.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.