

AB 369

Making fines and fees fairer for
offenders

Protecting tribal judges

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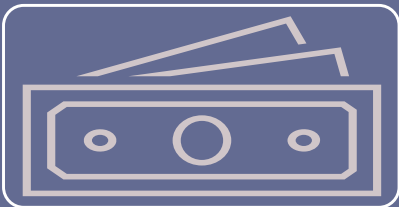
- **The punishment should fit the crime**
- **But fining everyone the same amount punishes lower-income offenders much more severely**
- **A \$200 fine might be**
 - 250% of a day's income—at \$20,000/year
 - 62.5% of a day's income—at \$80,000/year
 - 6.25% of a day's income—at \$800,000/year

- **For low-income offenders, fines and fees for minor violations may be unaffordable**
 - The offenders may not be able to pay for basic needs, such as housing, food, childcare, or transportation
 - The offenders may go to jail for failure to pay and lose their job, housing, etc.
- **We protect public officials from threats or intimidation, but our statutory protections don't apply to tribal judges**

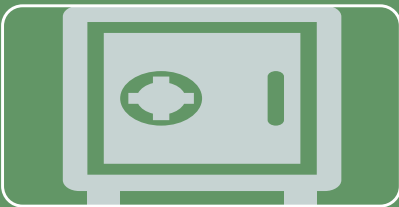
Basic provisions of AB 369



Fines and fees provisions apply to minor traffic violations and misdemeanors (Sec. 4)



Waiver of fees for persons below 200 percent of the very low income level (Sec. 5.2)
(the very low income level is around \$40,000 in Nevada for a family of four)



Reduction of fines on a sliding scale by 25 percent, 50 percent, 75 percent, or 100 percent, with minimum fine of at least \$10 (Sec. 5.3)



Adds tribal judges to the list of public officials protected from threats or intimidation (Sec. 11)