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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the collection of delinquent financial
 3 obligations; creating s. 215.125, F.S.; authorizing a
 4 board of county commissioners or governing body of a
 5 municipality to pursue collection of certain delinquent
 6 obligations to which it is entitled or refer the account
 7 to other specified individuals for collection; authorizing
 8 a collection fee and an attorney's fee to be added to the
 9 outstanding balance that is referred for collection;
 10 limiting the amount that may be added to the outstanding
 11 balance of an account referred for collection; providing
 12 an effective date.

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 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 16 Section 1. Section 215.125, Florida Statutes, is created
 17 to read:

18 215.125 Collection of delinquent financial obligations
 19 payable to a county or municipality.—The board of county
 20 commissioners or the governing body of a municipality may pursue
 21 the collection of any fees, service charges, fines, or costs to
 22 which it is entitled which remain unpaid for 90 days or more, or
 23 refer the account to a private attorney who is a member in good
 24 standing of The Florida Bar or collection agent who is
 25 registered and in good standing pursuant to chapter 559. The
 26 collection fee, including any reasonable attorney's fee, paid to
 27 any attorney or collection agent retained by the board of county
 28 commissioners or the governing body of a municipality may be

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29 | added to the balance owed at the time the account is referred to
30 | the attorney or agents for collection and may not exceed the
31 | amount authorized by s. 938.35.

32 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.