

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 1301

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Providing expanded options for fare enforcement by regional transit authorities.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Fitzgibbon, Hackney, Valdez and Macri).

**House Committee on Transportation**  
**Senate Committee on Transportation**

### **Background:**

Regional transit authorities (RTAs) are authorized to set fines and penalties for certain civil infractions, including:

- failure to pay the required fare;
- failure to display proof of payment when requested to do so by an authorized RTA employee; and
- failure to leave a facility when requested to do so by an individual authorized to monitor fare payment.

Fines established by an RTA may not exceed the amount established in statute for a class 1 civil infraction, which is currently \$250, before the addition of any statutory assessments. Civil infractions established by an RTA may be heard by either a district or municipal court.

### **Summary:**

An RTA is allowed to establish an alternative fare enforcement system that allows for the issuance of notices of violation, resolution of notices of violation, and appeals, in addition to or as a replacement for the current civil infraction system.

The fines associated with notices of violation are limited to the same maximum amount allowed for civil infractions.

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**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	96	1
Senate	44	5

**Effective:** July 25, 2021