

Maine Judicial Branch Fines, Surcharges, and Assessments

Criminal fines, surcharges, and assessments

In every criminal matter the following surcharges and a victims' compensation assessment are added to the amount of the fine set by the judge. There are additional special surcharges for criminal animal welfare offenses and operating under the influence offenses as set forth below.

Fine set by the judge

Surcharges

Government Operations	+10% of the fine set by the judge
General Fund	+5% of the fine set by the judge
Maine Criminal Justice Academy	+3% of the fine set by the judge
County Jail Operations	+1% of the fine set by the judge
Maine State Police Computer Crimes	+1% of the fine set by the judge

General Victims' Compensation Assessment

misdemeanor (class D or E)	+\$20
felony (murder, class A, B or C)	+\$35

or

Special Victims' Compensation Assessment (instead of general victims' compensation assessment)

aggravated sex trafficking (Title 17-A, § 852)	+ \$1000
sex trafficking (Title 17-A, § 853)	+ \$500
engaging a prostitute (Title 17-A, § 853-B)	+ \$500 (first offense) + \$1000 (second or later offense)
patronizing prostitution of a minor or of a mentally disabled person (Title 17-A, § 855)	+ \$500 (first offense) + \$1000 (second or later offense)

Special Surcharges

Animal Welfare Surcharge (Title 17, §1011- §1046)	+10% of the fine set by the judge
Operating Under the Influence Surcharges	
OUI – alcohol only	+\$30
OUI – with drugs involved	+\$125

Civil fines and surcharges

In every civil matter the following surcharges are added to the amount of the fine set by the judge. There is an additional \$10 surcharge for civil animal welfare offenses as set forth below.

Fine	set by the judge
Surcharges	
Government Operations	+10% of the fine set by the judge
General Fund	+5% of the fine set by the judge
Maine Criminal Justice Academy	+3% of the fine set by the judge
County Jail	+1% of the fine set by the judge
Maine State Police Computer Crimes	+1% of the fine set by the judge
Civil Legal Services	+\$10
Special Surcharge	
Animal Welfare Surcharge (Title 7, §3901 - §4163)	+\$10

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