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H 1572. STRIKE FAIL TO APPEAR/BOND PROCESSING FEE. Filed 5/4/09. *TO ASSESS A PROCESSING FEE WHEN A FAILURE TO APPEAR IS STRICKEN AND AS A RESULT A BAIL BOND FORFEITURE IS SET ASIDE.*

Amends GS 15A-544.5(c) to require the court to assess a \$50.00 processing fee on any defendant for whom the court sets aside a bail bond forfeiture after striking a failure to appear. Requires the fee, which must be remitted to the State Treasurer for use in support of the courts, to be assessed upon the defendant's conviction, unless the bail bond in question was executed by a professional bondsman or bail agent or the defendant is indigent. Makes a conforming change to the fee provisions of GS 7A-304(c). Effective December 1, 2009 and applicable to bail bonds set aside for failure to appear on or after that date.

Intro. by Randleman.

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