DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

January 31, 1999

I was unable to comply with your request to require that contributions cannot be made in lieu of a forfeiture, fine or court costs. In most cases the ordering of a forfeiture or fine is discretionary, so one would never know if the contribution was made in lieu of that penalty. Generally, payment to a crime prevention organization is part of the court costs, so it is inappropriate to prohibit that payment in lieu of itself. I am not sure if the other changes I made fulfill your intent, so please read this draft carefully.

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