

**TITLE 4: ECONOMIC RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 5: BUSINESS REGULATION**

**§ 52023. Rental Agreements; Unpaid Traffic Infractions.**

(a) Pursuant to CNMI law and except for summons, citations, or violations relating to the care and maintenance of a rental motor vehicle, the rental company, as the registered owner of the rental motor vehicle, may be responsible for fines, costs, penalties, fees, or other charges related to traffic infractions of a motor vehicle while being leased or rented to a renter.

(b) The rental company may adopt a policy of charging the renter the actual amount paid for the traffic infractions to the court or other state government agency plus an administrative fee not to exceed out-of-pocket expenses documented by receipts plus up to four hours of work multiplied by CNMI's prevailing minimum wage relating to research of files and communications with the court, governmental agencies, and renter; provided that every rental agreement of a rental company adopting the policy must disclose, at a minimum, in plain language and in at least ten-point bold typeface print:

(1) Notice to renter that the rental company will charge the renter for any fine, fee, or cost paid by the rental company for a renter's unpaid traffic infraction including charging the renter's credit card.

(2) The maximum estimated amount of the administrative fee to be charged by the rental company; and

(3) Language encouraging the renter to pay directly to the court, county government, or other appropriate government agency the applicable fines, costs, monetary assessments, penalties, fees, surcharges, or other charges.

**Source:** PL 20-65 § 2 (Sept. 21, 2018), modified.

**Commission Comment:** The Commission changed the capitalization of the section title pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(f). The Commission inserted a comma after "governmental agencies" in (b) and after "county government" in (b)(3) pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(g).