REFERENCE TITLE: Instament Payment Of Fines

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMES; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF FINES ON INSTALLMENT BASIS, AND AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 7, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTIONS 13-1659 TO 13-1661, INCLUSIVE.

- Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
- Section 1. Title 13. chapter 6. article 7. Arizona Revised
- 3 Statutes, is amended by adding sections 13-1659 to 13-1661, inclusive,
- 4 to read:
- 5 13-1659. Fines; time and method of payment
- 6 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY:
- WHEN A DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED TO PAY A FINE. THE COURT MAY
- 8 GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE PAYMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN A SPECIFIED PERIOD
- 9 OF TIME OR IN SPECIFIED INSTALLMENTS. IF NO SUCH PERMISSION IS EMBODIED
- 10 IN THE SENTENCE, THE FINE SHALL BE PAYABLE FORTHWITH.
- when a defendant sentenced to pay a fine is also sentenced to
- 12 PROBATION, THE COURT MAY MAKE THE PAYMENT OF THE FINE A CONDITION OF
- 13 PROBATION.
- 14 13-1660. Consequences of nonpayment; imprisonment for
- 15 contumacious nonpayment; summary collection
- 16 A. WHEN A DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO PAY A FINE DEFAULTS IN THE
- 17 PAYMENT THEREOF OR OF ANY INSTALLMENT, THE COURT, UPON ITS OWN MOTION,

MAY REQUIRE HIM TO SHOW CAUSE WHY HIS DEFAULT SHOULD NOT BE TREATED AS CONTUMACIOUS AND MAY ISSUE A SUMMONS OR A WARRANT OF ARREST FOR HIS APPEARANCE. UNLESS THE DEFENDANT SHOWS THAT HIS DEFAULT WAS NOT ATTRIBUTABLE TO A WILFUL REFUSAL TO OBEY THE ORDER OF THE COURT OR TO A FAILURE ON HIS PART TO MAKE A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO OBTAIN THE FUNDS REQUIRED FOR THE PAYMENT, THE COURT SHALL FIND THAT HIS DEFAULT WAS CONTUMACIOUS AND MAY ORDER HIM COMMITTED UNTIL THE FINE OR A SPECIFIED PART THEREOF IS PAID. THE TERM OF IMPRISONMENT FOR SUCH CONTUMACIOUS NONPAYMENT OF THE FINE SHALL BE SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER OF COMMITMENT AND SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE DAY FOR EACH FIVE DOLLARS OF THE FINE, THIRTY DAYS IF THE FINE WAS IMPOSED UPON CONVICTION OF A VIOLATION OF A MISDEMEANOR OR ONE YEAR IN ANY OTHER CASE, WHICHEVER IS THE SHORTER PERIOD. A DEFENDANT COMMITTED FOR NONPAYMENT OF A FINE SHALL BE GIVEN CREDIT TOWARDS ITS PAYMENT FOR EACH DAY OF IMPRISONMENT, AT THE RATE SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER OF COMMITMENT.

- B. IF IT APPEARS THAT THE DEFENDANT'S DEFAULT IN THE PAYMENT OF A FINE IS NOT CONTUMACIOUS, THE COURT MAY MAKE AN ORDER ALLOWING THE DEFENDANT ADDITIONAL TIME FOR PAYMENT, REDUCING THE AMOUNT THEREOF OR OF EACH INSTALLMENT, OR REVOKING THE FINE OR THE UNPAID PORTION THEREOF IN WHOLE CR IN PART.
- C. UPON ANY DEFAULT IN THE PAYMENT OF A FINE OR ANY INSTALLMENT THEREOF, EXECUTION MAY BE LEVIED AND SUCH OTHER MEASURES MAY BE TAKEN FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE FINE OR THE UNPAID BALANCE THEREOF AS ARE AUTHORIZED FOR THE COLLECTION OF AN UNPAID CIVIL JUDGMENT ENTERED AGAINST THE DEFENDANT IN AN ACTION ON A DEBT. THE LEVY OF EXECUTION FOR THE COLLECTION OF A FINE SHALL NOT DISCHARGE A DEFENDANT COMMITTED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR NONPAYMENT OF THE FINE UNTIL THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE HAS ACTUALLY BEEN COLLECTED.

13-1661. Revocation of fine

A DEFENDANT WHO HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO PAY A FINE AND WHO IS NOT IN CONTUMACIOUS DEFAULT IN THE PAYMENT THEREOF MAY AT ANY TIME PETITION THE COURT WHICH SENTENCED HIM FOR A REVOCATION OF THE FINE OR OF ANY UNPAID PORTION THEREOF. IF IT APPEARS TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE COURT

- 1 THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WARRANTED THE IMPOSITION OF THE FINE HAVE
- 2 CHANGED OR THAT IT WOULD OTHERWISE BE UNJUST TO REQUIRE PAYMENT THE
- 3 COURT MAY REVOKE THE FINE OR THE UNPAID PORTION THEREOF IN WHOLE OR IN
- 4 PART.