



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB0182

Introduced 1/22/2021, by Rep. Mary E. Flowers

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

730 ILCS 5/5-9-3

from Ch. 38, par. 1005-9-3

Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that no less than 30 days before the issuance of a warrant of arrest for nonpayment of a fine or an installment of a fine, a notice shall be mailed to the offender by first class mail to the most recent address which the offender has provided to the court. Provides that the notice shall contain the following information: (1) the amount of the fine which is due and owing; (2) the docket number of the case in which the fine was assessed; (3) the due date for payment of the fine; (4) instructions as to how payment of the fine may be made; (5) an explanation that willful refusal to pay the fine may result in imprisonment; and (6) instructions as to how the offender may request a hearing to present evidence that the offender did not willfully refuse to pay the fine, and that failure to pay was the result of the offender's inability to pay the fine.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by
5 changing Section 5-9-3 as follows:

6 (730 ILCS 5/5-9-3) (from Ch. 38, par. 1005-9-3)
7 Sec. 5-9-3. Default.

8 (a) An offender who defaults in the payment of a fine or
9 any installment of that fine may be held in contempt and
10 imprisoned for nonpayment. The court may issue a summons for
11 his or her appearance or a warrant of arrest. No less than 30
12 days before the issuance of a warrant under this subsection, a
13 notice shall be mailed to the offender by first class mail to
14 the most recent address which the offender has provided to the
15 court. The notice shall contain the following information:

16 (1) the amount of the fine which is due and owing;

17 (2) the docket number of the case in which the fine was
18 assessed;

19 (3) the due date for payment of the fine;

20 (4) instructions as to how payment of the fine may be
21 made;

22 (5) an explanation that willful refusal to pay the
23 fine may result in imprisonment; and

1 (6) instructions as to how the offender may request a
2 hearing to present evidence that the offender did not
3 willfully refuse to pay the fine, and that failure to pay
4 was the result of the offender's inability to pay the
5 fine.

6 (b) Unless the offender shows that his default was not due
7 to his intentional refusal to pay, or not due to a failure on
8 his part to make a good faith effort to pay, the court may
9 order the offender imprisoned for a term not to exceed 6 months
10 if the fine was for a felony, or 30 days if the fine was for a
11 misdemeanor, a petty offense or a business offense. Payment of
12 the fine at any time will entitle the offender to be released,
13 but imprisonment under this Section shall not satisfy the
14 payment of the fine.

15 (c) If it appears that the default in the payment of a fine
16 is not intentional under paragraph (b) of this Section, the
17 court may enter an order allowing the offender additional time
18 for payment, reducing the amount of the fine or of each
19 installment, or revoking the fine or the unpaid portion.

20 (d) When a fine is imposed on a corporation or
21 unincorporated organization or association, it is the duty of
22 the person or persons authorized to make disbursement of
23 assets, and their superiors, to pay the fine from assets of the
24 corporation or unincorporated organization or association. The
25 failure of such persons to do so shall render them subject to
26 proceedings under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section.

1 (e) A default in the payment of a fine, fee, cost, order of
2 restitution, judgment of bond forfeiture, judgment order of
3 forfeiture, or any installment thereof may be collected by any
4 and all means authorized for the collection of money
5 judgments. The State's Attorney of the county in which the
6 fine, fee, cost, order of restitution, judgment of bond
7 forfeiture, or judgment order of forfeiture was imposed may
8 retain attorneys and private collection agents for the purpose
9 of collecting any default in payment of any fine, fee, cost,
10 order of restitution, judgment of bond forfeiture, judgment
11 order of forfeiture, or installment thereof. An additional fee
12 of 30% of the delinquent amount and each taxable court cost
13 including, without limitation, costs of service of process,
14 shall be charged to the offender for any amount of the fine,
15 fee, cost, restitution, or judgment of bond forfeiture or
16 installment of the fine, fee, cost, restitution, or judgment
17 of bond forfeiture that remains unpaid after the time fixed
18 for payment of the fine, fee, cost, restitution, or judgment
19 of bond forfeiture by the court. The additional fee shall be
20 payable to the State's Attorney in order to compensate the
21 State's Attorney for costs incurred in collecting the
22 delinquent amount. The State's Attorney may enter into
23 agreements assigning any portion of the fee to the retained
24 attorneys or the private collection agent retained by the
25 State's Attorney. Any agreement between the State's Attorney
26 and the retained attorneys or collection agents shall require

1 the approval of the Circuit Clerk of that county. A default in
2 payment of a fine, fee, cost, restitution, or judgment of bond
3 forfeiture shall draw interest at the rate of 9% per annum.
4 (Source: P.A. 98-373, eff. 1-1-14.)