

AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

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

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

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

Sec. 5-9-3. Default.

(a) An offender who defaults in the payment of a fine or ~~in~~ any installment of that fine may be held in contempt and imprisoned for nonpayment. The court may issue a summons for his appearance or a warrant of arrest.

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

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

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

(e) A default in the payment of a fine or any installment may be collected by any and all means authorized for the collection of money judgments ~~rendered in favor of the State.~~ The State's Attorney of the county in which the fine was imposed may retain attorneys and private collection agents for the purpose of collecting any default in payment of any fine or installment of that fine. The fees and costs incurred by the State's Attorney in any such collection and the fees and charges of attorneys and private collection agents retained by the State's Attorney for those purposes shall be charged to the offender.

(Source: P. A. 78-255.)