

CHAPTER 283

AN ACT concerning payment options for certain motor vehicle fines and fees and amending P.L.1981, c.365 and P.L.1975, c.180.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 1 of P.L.1981, c.365 (C.39:4-203.1) is amended to read as follows:

C.39:4-203.1 Indigents permitted to pay fines in installments, waiver, certain; guideline for indigency.

1. Any defendant convicted of a traffic offense pursuant to Title 39 of the Revised Statutes or a parking offense, shall, upon a satisfactory showing of a condition of indigency or participation in a government-based income maintenance program, be permitted by the court to pay the fine in installments. The court shall set the amount and frequency of each installment. In addition, the court may waive an unpaid portion, up to \$200, of any court-imposed time-payment order, as a result of a conviction for a motor vehicle traffic violation or a parking offense, except for a violation of R.S.39:4-50 or section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a), for a defendant who is indigent or is participating in a government-based income maintenance program and who has demonstrated an inability to comply with the time-payment order, and in lieu of the remaining unpaid amount, require the defendant to perform community service for a period of time to be determined by the court, or participate in any program authorized by law, or satisfy any other aspect of a sentence imposed. For the purposes of this section, the guideline for the court to determine indigency is an income up to 250 percent of the poverty level, as defined in section 4 of P.L.2005, c.156 (C.30:4J-11).

2. Section 23 of P.L.1975, c.180 (C.39:3-10a) is amended to read as follows:

C.39:3-10a Fee for restoration of suspended or revoked licenses, vehicle registrations.

23. The chief administrator shall charge a fee of \$100 for the restoration of any license which has been suspended or revoked by reason of the licensee's violation of any law or regulation and for the restoration of vehicle registrations that have been suspended pursuant to any law. The chief administrator may promulgate such regulations hereunder as he may deem necessary.

3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month after enactment.

Approved January 13, 2008.