

**§1703. Use of fine relative to individuals**

Except when specifically precluded, in choosing the appropriate punishment for an individual convicted of a crime, the court shall consider the desirability of imposing a sentencing alternative involving a fine either in conjunction with or in lieu of a sentencing alternative involving imprisonment. A sentencing alternative involving imprisonment may not be imposed by a court solely for the reason that the individual does not have the present or future financial capacity to pay a fine. [PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2 (NEW).

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