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Information
on fine payment by instalments in sentence enforcement matters

A fine is to be enforced against you. The costs of the proceedings and, if applicable, a confiscation amount must also be paid. If you are not in a position to pay the total amount due in one lump sum, there is the possibility of being granted a payment by instalments. A temporary payment respite can also be granted in exceptional cases.

To obtain such a grant, you must submit an application, stating the case reference number, to the Hamburg Public Prosecutor's Office.

Information on your financial situation and copies of appropriate supporting documents must be enclosed so that a decision on the application can be made. Original supporting documents will be returned after viewing.

Minimum information to be provided includes:

- Monthly income with wage/salary pay slip or a proof of unemployment/welfare benefit letter,
- other income (e.g. from secondary employment),
- any payment obligations.

A payment relief will not be granted without such information and supporting documents.

It is, however, already emphasised here that even a payment by instalments must remain a noticeable penalty and should be made from your own resources with the utmost thrift and frugality. Restrictions in the lifestyle – even of the unemployed and recipients of welfare benefits – are intended by the legislator and are also to be accepted. In your own interest, the payment of the fine should be the utmost priority for you!