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The Superior Court of Humboldt County together with Humboldt County Revenue Recovery announce their participation in the 2012 Statewide Amnesty Program authorized by the State of California. This program will allow people the opportunity to settle their qualifying court fines for 50% of their balance between January 3, 2012 and June 29, 2012.

The intent of the one-time amnesty program is to assist individuals who have found themselves in violation of a court ordered obligation due to a lack of ability to pay for a specified misdemeanor fine or infraction.

Individuals who would qualify for the 50% discount must meet all of the following criteria:

- You have an outstanding traffic violation that was due on or before January 1, 2009
- The last date you made a payment was on or before January 1, 2009
- You don't owe victim restitution on any case within the county
- You have no outstanding misdemeanor or felony warrants within the county.

In addition to the state mandated amnesty program the County of Humboldt and the Superior Court of Humboldt County are participating in the optional amnesty program which includes some misdemeanor violations. The amnesty program does not apply to parking violations and violations of California Vehicle Code pertaining to reckless driving or driving under the influence.

Similar, optional amnesty programs were in place in 1992 and in 1996. The amnesty program provides a win-win opportunity for state and local governments to generate much needed revenue while granting individuals the opportunity to clear their record of long standing debt at a reduced rate.

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