

thereof. Any individual claiming benefits in any proceeding before an appeal tribunal or the Board of Review may be represented by counsel or other duly authorized agent; but no such counsel or agents shall either charge or receive for such services more than an amount approved by the Board. Any person who violates any provision of this subsection shall, for each such offense, be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

(c) NO ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS: EXEMPTIONS.

No assignment, pledge, or encumbrances of any right to benefits which are or may become due or payable under this Act shall be valid; and such rights to benefits shall be exempt from levy, execution, attachment, or any other remedy whatsoever provided for the collection of debt; and benefits received by any individual, so long as they are not mingled with other funds of the recipient, shall be exempted from any remedy whatsoever for the collection of all debts. No waiver of any exemption provided for in this subsection shall be valid.

PENALTIES.

16. (a) Whoever makes a false statement or representation knowing it to be false or knowingly fails to disclose a material fact, to obtain or increase any benefit or other payment under this Act, either for himself or for any other person, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$20.00 nor more than \$50.00, or by imprisonment for not longer than thirty days or by both such fine and imprisonment; and each such false statement or representation or failure to disclose a material fact shall constitute a separate offense.

(b) Any employing unit or any officer or agent of an employing unit or any other person who makes a false statement or representation knowing it to be false, or who knowingly fails to disclose a material fact, to prevent or reduce the payment of benefits to any individual entitled thereto, or to avoid becoming or remaining subject hereto or to avoid or reduce any contribution or other payment required from an employing unit under this Act, or who wilfully fails or refuses to make any such contributions or other payment or to furnish any reports required hereunder or to produce or permit the inspection or copying of records as required hereunder, shall be punished by a fine or not less than \$20.00 nor more than \$200.00, or by