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CHAPTER 118

AN ACT Relating to Responsibility of Parents to Provide Medical Care Coverage for Minor Children.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 19 MRSA § 581, last sentence, is amended to read:

Upon the petition of either the husband or wife, or of the guardian or next friend of either who may be mentally ill, the court may make further orders relative to the care, custody and ~~maintenance~~ support of the minor children of the parties, may determine with which of their parents such children or any of them shall remain, may order ~~the husband~~ either spouse to pay to ~~such~~ the court for the ~~wife~~ other spouse sufficient money for the prosecution of such petition, and may from time to time, upon a similar petition, revise or alter any such order and make a new order in lieu thereof, as the circumstances of the parties or such minor children or any of them may require, and may enforce obedience by appropriate process.

Sec. 2. 19 MRSA § 581 is amended by adding at the end the following new sentences:

An order for child support under this section may include an order for the payment of part or all of the medical expenses, hospital expenses and other health care expenses of the children or an order to provide a policy or contract for coverage of such expenses. Availability of public welfare benefits to the family shall not affect the decision of the court as to the responsibility of a parent to provide child support.

Sec. 3. 19 MRSA § 693 is amended by adding at the end the following new sentences:

An order for child support under this section may include an order for the payment of part or all of the medical expenses, hospital expenses and other health care expenses of the children or an order to provide a policy or contract for coverage of such expenses. Availability of public welfare benefits to the family shall not affect the decision of the court as to the responsibility of a parent to provide child support.

Sec. 4. 19 MRSA § 752 is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following new sentences:

An order for child support under this section may include an order for the payment of part or all of the medical expenses, hospital expenses and other health care expenses of the children or an order to provide a policy or contract for coverage of such expenses. Availability of public welfare benefits to the family shall not affect the decision of the court as to the responsibility of a parent to provide child support.

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA § 3754, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 622, § 76, is further amended by inserting after the 3rd sentence the following new sentence:

An order for child support under this section may include an order for the payment of part or all of the medical expenses, hospital expenses and other health care expenses of the children or an order to provide a policy or contract for coverage of such expenses.

Sec. 6. 22 MRSA § 3792, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 590, § 31, is further amended by inserting before the last sentence the following new sentence:

An order for child support under this section may include an order for the payment of part or all of the medical expenses, hospital expenses and other health care expenses of the children or an order to provide a policy or contract for coverage of such expenses.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 119

AN ACT Concerning Revocation of Certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licenses.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

12 MRSA § 2401-B, sub-§ 16, ¶ I is enacted to read:

I. Revocation by commissioner. The commissioner may revoke, without refund, any resident license, if the licensee fails to furnish proof of residence within 14 days of written request. Such request shall be made to the address shown on the license.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 120

AN ACT Relating to Dogs Running at Large.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

7 MRSA § 3457, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 45, § 1, is amended to read:

§ 3457. Penalties

~~Instead of~~ In addition to seizing and impounding the dog, the officer, having jurisdiction, may prosecute the owner of any dog running at large, and