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## ONE-HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

## Legislative Document

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cox of Dexter, by request.

## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Credit of Fines and Orders in Support of Children Cases.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 166, § 71, amended. Section 71 of chapter 166 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 7 of chapter 75 of the public laws of 1959, is further amended by adding after the first paragraph a new paragraph to read as follows:

'The payment of the fine ordered to be made to the mother, guardian or custodian of such child or children shall be credited in favor of the said respondent against any arrears due on said order of support and any excess of the fine imposed over such arrears paid to the county. The order of support made by the municipal court shall not be substituted for or replace, or be in lieu of, the decree or order of support previously decreed by the Superior Court, and the payments to be made by the respondent ordered by the municipal court, if made, shall be credited in favor of the said respondent against the amount of support ordered to be paid by him by virtue of such decree or order of the Superior Court.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 166, § 72, amended. Section 72 of chapter 166 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 8 of chapter 75 of the public laws of 1959, is further amended by adding after the first paragraph a new paragraph to read as follows:

'The payment of the fine ordered to be made to the mother, guardian or custodian of such child or children shall be credited in favor of the said respondent against any arrears due on said order of support and any excess of the fine imposed over such arrears paid to the county. The order of support made

by the municipal court shall not be substituted for or replace, or be in lieu of, the decree or order of support previously decreed by the Superior Court, and the payments to be made by the respondent ordered by the municipal court, if made, shall be credited in favor of the said respondent against the amount of support ordered to be paid by him by virtue of such decree or order of the Superior Court.