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H. P. 461

House of Representatives, February 15, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Hobbins of Saco, referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wood of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT Concerning the Release of Certain Information Furnished for the Filing
of Liens for Support Payments.**

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

19 MRSA § 503, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 532, § 3, is repealed and following enacted in its place:

1. Filing. The lien shall attach to all nonexempt real and personal property of the responsible parent when the department files, in the registry of deeds of any county or with any office appropriate for a notice with respect to personal property, a certificate which states the name of the responsible parent, his address, the amount of the child support debt accrued, the date of the decision or notice of debt by which the debt was assessed and the name and address of the authorized agent of the department who issues the lien.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to prevent certain information regarding private individuals from being made available to the public. Under the current statute, the Department of Human Services is required to file one of 2 documents in a registry of deeds or other public office in order to perfect a lien against the

property of a parent who has failed to make child support payments. Each of these documents often contains much personal data, not only regarding the debtor but also regarding his children and other family members. This bill will allow the department to simply file an abbreviated statement of facts in order to secure its lien.