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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 931

H. P. 745

House of Representatives, March 2, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McSweeney of Old Orchard Beach.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Provide for an Official Seal for the Department of Human Services and to Expedite the Establishment of Court-ordered Child Support Obligations in Non-AFDC Cases.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 1, first ¶ as last amended by PL 1975, c. 293, § 1, is further amended by adding a new sentence after the 2nd sentence to read:

The department shall have an official department seal, which shall be judicially noticed.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 3754, as amended by PL 1977, c. 118, § 5, is further amended by adding the following new paragraph at the end:

Whenever an applicant has been accepted into the nonwelfare enforcement of support program pursuant to Title 19, section 448-A, the department may utilize procedures outlined in this section to establish a support order on behalf of a minor child against any person having an obligation to support that minor child.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will ease the burden upon the Department of Human Services in preparing documents for admission in judicial hearings, and will expand the applicability of parental responsibility to nonwelfare cases.