

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 195**

H. P. 174

House of Representatives, January 12, 1981

On Motion of Mrs. Prescott, of Hampden referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Ms. Benoit of So. Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Amend the Law Concerning Child Support Orders.**

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

**19 MRSA § 752, 3rd ¶, first sentence**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 293, § 5, is further amended to read:

An original order made pursuant to this section granting the care and custody of a minor child to the Department of Human Services shall not extend beyond the time when the child shall reach the age of 18 years or **beyond the time the child completes his secondary education, whichever is later.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide that original child support orders may extend until the child completes high school. Many children do not complete high school until they are 18 or 19 years of age. Stopping the original support order, as soon as the child becomes 18, may place a financial burden on the parent who has custody of the child, before that child even completes high school.