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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HOGLUND of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative MELENDY of Rockland, Representative CROWLEY of Stockton Springs and Representative BURKE of Vassalboro.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Increase the Age Limit for Child Support.



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

3 **19 MRSA §752, sub-§10**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 652, §46,
5 is further amended to read:

7 **10. Support order.** An order of the court for child support
9 may run against the father or the mother in whole or in part or
11 against both, irrespective of the fault of the father or mother
13 in the divorce action. When the order is to run against both, the
15 court shall specify the amount each shall pay. The court shall
17 inquire of the parties concerning the existence of a child
19 support order entered pursuant to subchapter V. If such an order
21 exists, the court shall consider its terms in establishing a
23 child support obligation.

25 An order for child support may include an order for the payment
27 of part or all of the medical expenses, hospital expenses and
29 other health care expenses of the child or an order to provide a
31 policy or contract for coverage of these expenses. If medical,
33 hospitalization or dental insurance coverage for the child is
35 available to an obligated parent on a group basis through his an
37 employer or group affiliation, the court's order shall include a
39 provision requiring the obligated parent to obtain and maintain
41 that coverage on behalf of his the child.

43 An order for child support for a person who has attained the age
of 18 years during the final year of instruction offered at a
secondary school as defined in Title 20-A, section 1, shall
remain in effect through that school year.

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.

The court may enforce a support order as provided in chapter 14-A.

39 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

41 This bill provides for the extension of child support until
43 the end of the school year for persons who become 18 years of age
during the senior year of high school.