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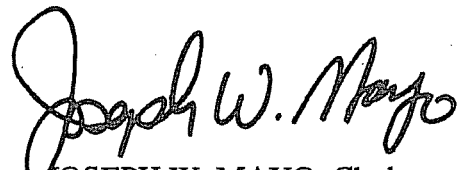
No. 567

H.P. 441

House of Representatives, February 22, 1993

An Act to Encourage Payment of Child Support Obligations.

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative POULIN of Oakland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, MORRISON of Bangor, Senator:
PARADIS of Aroostook.

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

4 Sec. 1. 19 MRSA §448-A, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

6 9. Location of responsible parents through utility
8 records. The department may submit a written request to a public
10 utility seeking assistance in locating a responsible parent. A
12 public utility shall provide information in its possession about
14 the location of responsible parents, but may release only
16 information limited to the place of residence of the responsible
18 parent who is the subject of the request. The department may
20 make this information available only to public officials and
22 agencies of this State and its political subdivisions and other
24 states and their political subdivisions that are seeking to
26 enforce the support liability of parents or to locate parents who
28 have, or appear to have, deserted their children.

30 Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §713 is enacted to read:

32 §713. Cooperation for child support enforcement

34 A public utility shall provide information upon written
36 request by a child support enforcement agent of the Department of
38 Human Services pursuant to Title 19, section 448-A, subsection 9,
40 regarding parents obligated to provide child support.
Information that may be released by a public utility is limited
to the place of residence of the parent who is the subject of the
request.

32 STATEMENT OF FACT

34 This bill allows child support enforcement agents of the
36 Department of Human Services to request from public utilities
38 information about the residence of any responsible parent who
40 owes child support. The only information the utility can release
is the place of residence of the responsible parent. This will
help the department to track down parents who are not fulfilling
their child support obligations.