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No. 1239

H.P. 886

House of Representatives, April 11, 1995

**An Act to Restrict the Use of State Agencies for Representation of
Nonresidents under the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMKE of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Representative: O'GARA of Westbrook, Senator: ESTY of Cumberland.

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

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Sec. 1. 19 MRSA §423-F, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 690, Pt. A, §2 and affected by §3, is amended to read:

1. Services to petitioner. The support enforcement agency of this State, upon application and request by an individual who has a court order of support from this State or who resides in a state that has enacted this section of the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act or upon request of the support enforcement agency of another state that has enacted the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, shall provide services to a petitioner in a proceeding under this Act.

Sec. 2. 19 MRSA §423-F, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Nonresident petitioners; fees. Notwithstanding any other provision of state law to the contrary, a nonresident petitioner who is not indigent or a recipient of public assistance shall pay a reasonable fee for any services provided under this section.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill amends the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, which takes effect July 1, 1995, to limit the duties of the Department of Human Services to provide services to nonresident petitioners. Under the terms of this bill, those services would be provided only to individual, nonresident petitioners who have a court order of support from this State or who reside in a state that has enacted the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, or to the support enforcement agency of a state that has enacted the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, which therefore provides similar services to Maine residents. Nonindigent nonresidents would have to pay the Department of Human Services a fee for these services.