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No. 240

H.P. 187

House of Representatives, January 21, 1997

An Act to Terminate Spousal Support upon the Death of the Payee.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JABAR of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator MURRAY of Penobscot, Representative: LaVERDIERE of Wilton.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 19 MRSA §721, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

6 **8. Cessation upon death of payee.** Unless otherwise stated
8 in the court order awarding alimony, the obligation to make any
10 payment pursuant to this section ceases upon the death of the
12 payee with respect to any payment not yet due and owing as of the
14 date of the payee's death. This subsection is repealed October
16 1, 1997.

18 **Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §951, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

20 **7. Cessation upon death of payee.** Unless otherwise stated
22 in the court order awarding spousal support, the obligation to
24 make any payment pursuant to this section ceases upon the death
26 of the payee with respect to any payment not yet due and owing as
28 of the date of the payee's death.

30 **Sec. 3. Effective date.** That section of this Act that enacts
Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 951, subsection 7
takes effect October 1, 1997.

SUMMARY

This bill specifies that the obligation to make alimony or
spousal support payments ceases upon the death of the payee
unless the court order awarding the alimony or spousal support
provides otherwise.