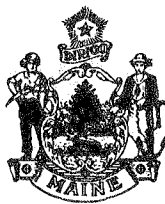


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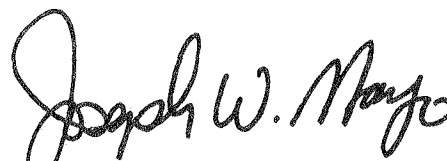
House of Representatives, March 13, 1997

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### An Act to Enforce Payment of Spousal Support.

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SAXL of Bangor.  
Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and  
Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, GREEN of Monmouth, LEMAIRE of Lewiston,  
MITCHELL of Portland, PIEH of Bremen, TOWNSEND of Portland, Senator: CATHCART  
of Penobscot.

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

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**Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §952, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

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**4. Enforcement.** The court may enforce an order as provided under chapter 65. The court may enforce an order of support in the manner provided in chapter 65, subchapter II, article 2 and has all of the rights and duties of the department under that article. For the purposes of enforcement of an order of support under chapter 65, subchapter II, article 2, an order of support under this subchapter has the same status as an order of support under that article.

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**Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act takes effect October 1, 1997.

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill provides that a person who is in default on a spousal support order is subject to the same enforcement provisions that apply to default on child support obligations regarding professional license revocation. Enforcement would be pursued by the court issuing the order rather than the Department of Human Services.

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