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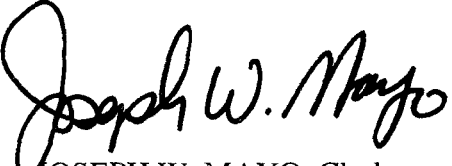
H.P. 1791

House of Representatives, January 24, 2000

**An Act to Preserve the Integrity of Court-ordered Child Support
Obligations.**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule
203.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §2302**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt.
B, §2 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

6 **§2302. Limitation of collection of debt**

8 A debt ~~may not~~ continues to be incurred under section 2301
10 by a responsible parent while that parent receives public
12 assistance for the benefit of a biological or adopted child of
14 that parent until the support order that is the basis of the debt
is modified by the court. A debt previously incurred under
16 section 2301 may not be collected from a responsible parent while
18 that parent receives public assistance for the benefit of a
biological or adopted child of that parent.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill provides that a debt on a child support order
22 continues to be incurred by a responsible parent while that
24 parent receives public assistance for the benefit of a biological
or adopted child of that parent until the support order that is
the basis of the debt is modified by the court.