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House of Representatives, March 5, 2001

An Act to Decrease the Length of Time a Person Has to Make Child Support Payments Before Being Considered Not In Compliance.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative McNEIL of Rockland.
Cosponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland and
Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, COLLINS of Wells, JACOBS of Turner, MARLEY of
Portland, O'BRIEN of Augusta, WESTON of Montville, Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of
Hancock, SAVAGE of Knox.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §2101, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1997, c.
466, §5 and affected by §28, is further amended to read:

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8 **2. Compliance with a support order.** "Compliance with a
support order" means that the support obligor is no more than 60
30 days in arrears in making payments in full for current
support, in making periodic payments on a support arrearage
pursuant to a written agreement with the department or in making
periodic payments as set forth in support order and has obtained
or maintained health insurance coverage if required by a support
order. For purposes of this subsection, a payment made by means
of automatic withdrawal or direct deposit from the paycheck or
bank account of a support obligor is deemed to be a payment made
on the date of the automatic withdrawal or direct deposit.

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SUMMARY

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22 This bill decreases from 60 days to 30 days the amount of
time that a person required to pay child support may take before
no longer being considered in compliance with the support order.
24 If a person has the child support payment directly withdrawn from
the person's bank account or paycheck, then the payment is
26 considered to have been made on the day of the withdrawal.