

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 718

House of Representatives, February 25, 2003

### An Act Clarifying Child Support Obligations

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative O'BRIEN of Augusta.  
Cosponsored by Representative: COWGER of Hallowell.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §2009, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

6 **9. Nonpaternity.** A court shall terminate a child support  
8 order upon the putative father if the putative father provides  
10 conclusive evidence that the putative father is not the  
12 biological father of the child named in the order.

14 **Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §2012** is enacted to read:

16 **§2012. Nonpaternity**

18 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part, if a  
20 putative father proves conclusively through a test or other  
22 evidence that the putative father is not the biological father of  
24 a child, the putative father is not obligated to pay child  
support for that child under this Part.

#### SUMMARY

This bill establishes that a putative father who proves through testing or otherwise that he is not the father of a child is not responsible to pay child support for that child.