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An Act To Penalize a Person Who is Habitually Late Making Child Support Payments

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative McNEIL of Rockland. Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, LEDWIN of Holden, MARLEY of Portland, MILLS of Cornville, PARADIS of Frenchville, SIMPSON of Auburn, Senators: HATCH of Somerset, SAVAGE of Knox.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §2101, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1997, c.
4	466, $\S5$ and affected by $\S28$, is repealed and the following
	eancted in its place:
6	2 Compliance with a guarant order. "Compliance with a
8	2. Compliance with a support order. "Compliance with a support order" means that the support obligor has obtained or
	maintained health insurance coverage if required by a support
10	order and is:
12	A. No more than 60 days in arrears:
14	(1) In making payments in full for current support;
16	(2) In making periodic payments on a support arrearage pursuant to a written agreement with the department; and
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	(3) In making periodic payments as set forth in a
20	support_order; and
22	B. No more than 30 days in arrears in making payments as
	described in paragraph A if the obligor has been in arrears
24	for more than 30 days in making payments as described in
26	paragraph A at least 2 times within the past 24 months.
28	SUMMARY
30	This bill penalizes child support obligors who are
	habitually late making child support payments. Under current
32	law, an obligor must be at least 60 days late in making child support payments before the Department of Human Services starts
34	proceedings to revoke driver's licenses, recreational licenses

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and occupational and professional credentials. This bill authorizes the department to start those proceedings when a child

support obligor is only 30 days late in making child support payments if that obligor has been at least 30 days late in making

payments at least twice during the past 24 months.