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An Act To Reduce the Duration of Nonpayment of Child Support That Triggers License Suspension

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative KAELIN of Winterport.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §2361, sub-§5,** as enacted by PL 1995, c.
694, Pt. B, §2 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

6 **5. Limitation of action.** The department may issue an order
to appear and disclose only if the responsible parent owes \$500
8 or more in overdue child support, the amount has been owed for at
least ~~60~~ 30 days and the responsible parent is not making
10 reasonable, regular payments to reduce the debt.

12 **SUMMARY**

14 Under current law, the Department of Health and Human
16 Services may issue an order to appear and disclose if a
responsible parent owes \$500 or more in overdue child support,
18 the amount has been owed for at least 60 days and the responsible
parent is not making payments to reduce the debt. If, after
20 being served, the responsible parent fails to appear or comply
with the order, the Secretary of State may suspend the
22 responsible parent's driver's license. This bill reduces from 60
days to 30 days the length of time after which the responsible
24 parent may be served with an order to appear and disclose.