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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 356

House of Representatives, February 12, 2009

### An Act To Support District Attorney Check Diversion Programs

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Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HASKELL of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §11002, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 214, §1, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **5. Debt.** "Debt" means any obligation or alleged obligation of a consumer to pay  
5 money arising out of a transaction in which the money, property, insurance or services  
6 that are the subject of the transaction are primarily for personal, family or household  
7 purposes, whether or not the obligation has been reduced to judgment. "Debt" includes  
8 any obligation or alleged obligation for payment of child support owed to, or owed by, a  
9 resident of this State ~~and any obligation or alleged obligation relating to a check returned~~  
10 ~~because of insufficient funds if a consumer is subject to an enforcement program operated~~  
11 ~~by a private entity.~~

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill amends the definition of "debt" in the Maine Fair Debt Collection Practices  
14 Act to give district attorneys the option of using check diversion programs. Public Law  
15 2007, chapter 214 added language that limited the check diversion options available to  
16 district attorneys. This bill strikes that language.