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## JUDICIARY

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## STATE OF MAINE

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## 125TH LEGISLATURE

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## SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 549, L.D. 1650, Bill, "An Act To Repeal the Automatic Suspension of Child Support Obligations"

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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

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**'An Act Concerning the Collection of Child Support Obligations'**

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

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**'Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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**Whereas,** currently child support obligations are automatically suspended during the period a child support obligor receives public assistance; and

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**Whereas,** current law prohibits the collection of child support debts from child support obligors who are receiving public assistance; and

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**Whereas,** lump sum payments to child support obligors should be available for satisfying past-due child support debts, even while obligors are receiving public assistance; and

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**Whereas,** amending the law to allow the interception of lump sum payments will benefit children due child support; and

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**Whereas,** the Department of Health and Human Services will amend its rules to ensure that a child support obligor receiving public assistance does not lose benefits based on a lump sum payment when the lump sum payment is intercepted and used to pay past-due child support; and

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**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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Approved: 03/05/12 *MAC*

# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1650

LR 2497(02)

**An Act To Repeal the Automatic Suspension of Child Support Obligations**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" S-435**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds  
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### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs and revenue for the Department of Health and Human Services are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.