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H.P. 895

House of Representatives, April 14, 2015

An Act To Provide Expedited Court Review of Child Visitation Provisions for Military Personnel on Duty out of State

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FOWLE of Vassalboro.
Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and
Representatives: DOORE of Augusta, FREDETTE of Newport, GOLDEN of Lewiston,
HANINGTON of Lincoln, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, SAUCIER of Presque Isle.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §1768, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

3 **5. Military members; expedited enforcement of visitation provisions.**

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon 2 days' notice to a custodial parent or
5 upon such shorter notice as the court may order, a person who is subject to a child
6 custody determination, is a resident of this State, is on active duty serving in the United
7 States Armed Forces and is either permanently stationed at a military or naval post,
8 station or base outside this State or deployed for military service may appear and move
9 for enforcement of visitation provisions of a child custody determination and, in that
10 event, the court shall proceed to determine the motion as expeditiously as the ends of
11 justice require.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill provides an expedited process for persons serving in the United States
14 Armed Forces who are deployed or stationed out of State to move for enforcement of
15 visitation provisions of a child custody determination.