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An Act To Amend the Penalties for Failure To Pay Child Support

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representative: KINNEY of Knox.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §2202, sub-§2, ¶¶C to E**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694,
3 Pt. B, §2 and affected by Pt. E, §2, are repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §2202, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 and
5 affected by Pt. E, §2, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 3. 19-A MRSA §2202, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 466, §§13 and 14
7 and affected by §28, is repealed.

8 **Sec. 4. 19-A MRSA §2202, sub-§12, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B,
9 §2 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

10 C. The number of hearings held under this section, the results of the hearings and the
11 number of cases settled without a hearing; and

12 **Sec. 5. 19-A MRSA §2202, sub-§12, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B,
13 §2 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is repealed.

14 **Sec. 6. 19-A MRSA §2361, sub-§14**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 537, §48 and
15 affected by §62, is amended to read:

16 **14. License revocation.** If an obligor who is served with a support order under
17 subsection 1 fails to appear without good cause or fails to provide documents, papers and
18 other evidence as required by the order without good cause, the department may certify
19 the obligor's noncompliance to ~~the Secretary of State for suspension of the obligor's~~
20 ~~driver's license and right to operate a motor vehicle and to~~ any board or other entity in the
21 State that issues a license as defined in section 2101, subsection 7 except for a driver's
22 license under Title 29-A, chapter 11. Upon receipt of a certification of noncompliance
23 from the department, the ~~Secretary of State~~, board or other entity shall cause any licenses
24 held by the obligor to be suspended or revoked and may not issue or renew a license to
25 the obligor until the department issues a written statement that the obligor has complied
26 with the order. A suspension, revocation or refusal by a board or other licensing entity to
27 reissue, renew or otherwise extend a license or permit of an obligor certified by the
28 department is a final determination within the meaning of Title 5, section 10002.

29 **Sec. 7. 19-A MRSA §2603-A, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 466, §26 and
30 affected by §28, is repealed.

31 **Sec. 8. 19-A MRSA §2603-A, last ¶**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 466, §26 and
32 affected by §28, is repealed.

33 **Sec. 9. 29-A MRSA §2459**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. D, §54 and
34 affected by Pt. E, §2 and amended by PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §§6 and 7, is repealed.

SUMMARY

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This bill removes the suspension of a driver's license as a penalty for failure to pay child support.