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**An Act To Improve Child Support Collection Procedures
by Changing the Process of Modifying a Support Order**

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

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §2201, sub-§1, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

E. If the department certifies the obligor to a board for noncompliance with an order of support, the board must revoke the obligor's license and refuse to issue or reissue a license until the obligor provides the board with a written confirmation of compliance from the department that states the obligor is in compliance with the obligor's order of support. A revocation by an agency or a refusal by an agency to reissue, renew or otherwise extend the license or certificate of authority is deemed a final determination within the meaning of Title 5, section 10002; and

Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §2201, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 19-A MRSA §2201, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

11. Motion to modify order of support; stay. This section does not prohibit a support obligor from filing a motion to modify support with the court or from requesting the department to amend a support obligation established by an administrative decision. ~~The department shall stay action to certify the obligor to a board for noncompliance with an order of support if the obligor files a motion to modify support with the court and notifies the department of the motion or requests the department to amend a support obligation established by the department.~~

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

F. If the obligor requests a hearing, the obligor shall direct the request to the department's support enforcement office that is responsible for handling the obligor's case; and

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 E, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 6. 19-A MRS §2202, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

11. Motion to modify court order of support; stay. This section does not prohibit a support obligor from filing a motion to modify support with the court or from requesting the department to amend a support obligation established by an administrative decision. ~~The department shall stay action to certify the obligor to the Secretary of State for noncompliance with an order of support if the obligor files a motion to modify support with the court and notifies the department of the motion or requests the department to amend a support obligation established by the department.~~

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