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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-§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. 2. 19-A MRSA §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.~~

SUMMARY

This bill strikes language that prohibits enforcement activities concerning past due child support payments once a noncustodial parent has filed a motion to amend ongoing payments.