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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Uniform Interstate Family Support Act**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the Maryland Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of
4 Support Act; enacting the Maryland Uniform Interstate Family Support Act;
5 establishing procedures in proceedings under this Act involving two or more states
6 to establish, modify, or enforce a support order or to determine parentage;
7 providing that, with certain exceptions, the issuing tribunal retains continuing,
8 exclusive jurisdiction over a support order; establishing the priority of existing
9 multiple support orders; establishing procedures applicable to proceedings under
10 this Act; authorizing a tribunal of this State to issue a support order under certain
11 circumstances; establishing procedures for direct enforcement of the order of
12 another state without registration of the order with a tribunal of this State;
13 establishing procedures for enforcement and modification of the order of another
14 state after registration with a tribunal of this State; establishing procedures for a
15 party to contest the validity or enforcement of an order of another state that is
16 registered in this State; authorizing a tribunal of this State to determine parentage
17 of a child under certain circumstances; establishing procedures for interstate
18 rendition of certain individuals; defining certain terms; providing for the application
19 of this Act; making provisions of this Act severable; providing for a delayed effective
20 date; and generally relating to interstate enforcement of support orders.

21 BY repealing

22 Article - Family Law
23 Section 10-301 through 10-340, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 3. Maryland
24 Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act"
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

27 BY adding to

28 Article - Family Law
29 Section 10-301 through 10-347, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 3.
30 Maryland Uniform Interstate Family Support Act"
31 Annotated Code of Maryland
32 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 10-301 through 10-340, inclusive, and the subtitle
3 "Subtitle 3. Maryland Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act" of Article -
4 Family Law of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
6 read as follows:

7 **Article - Family Law**

8 SUBTITLE 3. MARYLAND UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT.

9 PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

10 10-301. DEFINITIONS.

11 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
12 INDICATED.

13 (B) "CHILD" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, WHETHER OVER OR UNDER THE AGE
14 OF MAJORITY, WHO IS OR IS ALLEGED TO BE OWED A DUTY OF SUPPORT BY THE
15 INDIVIDUAL'S PARENT OR WHO IS OR IS ALLEGED TO BE THE BENEFICIARY OF A
16 SUPPORT ORDER DIRECTED TO THE PARENT.

17 (C) "CHILD SUPPORT ORDER" MEANS A SUPPORT ORDER FOR A CHILD,
18 INCLUDING A CHILD WHO HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF MAJORITY UNDER THE LAW
19 OF THE ISSUING STATE.

20 (D) "DUTY OF SUPPORT" MEANS AN OBLIGATION IMPOSED OR IMPOSABLE BY
21 LAW TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR A CHILD, SPOUSE, OR FORMER SPOUSE, INCLUDING
22 AN UNSATISFIED OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE SUPPORT.

23 (E) "HOME STATE" MEANS THE STATE IN WHICH A CHILD LIVED WITH A
24 PARENT OR A PERSON ACTING AS PARENT FOR AT LEAST 6 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS
25 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE TIME OF FILING OF A COMPLAINT OR COMPARABLE
26 PLEADING FOR SUPPORT AND, IF A CHILD IS LESS THAN 6 MONTHS OLD, THE STATE
27 IN WHICH THE CHILD LIVED FROM BIRTH WITH ANY OF THEM. A PERIOD OF
28 TEMPORARY ABSENCE OF ANY OF THEM IS COUNTED AS PART OF THE 6-MONTH OR
29 OTHER PERIOD.

30 (F) "INCOME" INCLUDES EARNINGS OR OTHER PERIODIC ENTITLEMENTS TO
31 MONEY FROM ANY SOURCE AND ANY OTHER PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
32 WITHHOLDING FOR SUPPORT UNDER THE LAW OF THIS STATE.

33 (G) "INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER" MEANS AN ORDER OR OTHER LEGAL
34 PROCESS DIRECTED TO AN OBLIGOR'S EMPLOYER UNDER SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS TITLE
35 TO WITHHOLD SUPPORT FROM THE INCOME OF THE OBLIGOR.

36 (H) "INITIATING STATE" MEANS A STATE IN WHICH A PROCEEDING UNDER
37 THIS SUBTITLE OR A LAW SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THIS SUBTITLE, THE
38 UNIFORM RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT ACT, OR THE REVISED

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1 UNIFORM RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT ACT IS FILED FOR
2 FORWARDING TO A RESPONDING STATE.

3 (I) "INITIATING TRIBUNAL" MEANS THE AUTHORIZED TRIBUNAL IN AN
4 INITIATING STATE.

5 (J) "ISSUING STATE" MEANS THE STATE IN WHICH A TRIBUNAL ISSUES A
6 SUPPORT ORDER OR RENDERS A JUDGMENT DETERMINING PARENTAGE.

7 (K) "ISSUING TRIBUNAL" MEANS THE TRIBUNAL THAT ISSUES A SUPPORT
8 ORDER OR RENDERS A JUDGMENT DETERMINING PARENTAGE.

9 (L) "LAW" INCLUDES DECISIONAL AND STATUTORY LAW AND RULES AND
10 REGULATIONS HAVING THE FORCE OF LAW.

11 (M) "OBLIGEE" MEANS:

12 (1) AN INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM A DUTY OF SUPPORT IS OR IS ALLEGED
13 TO BE OWED OR IN WHOSE FAVOR A SUPPORT ORDER HAS BEEN ISSUED OR A
14 JUDGMENT DETERMINING PARENTAGE HAS BEEN RENDERED;

15 (2) A STATE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TO WHICH THE RIGHTS UNDER
16 A DUTY OF SUPPORT OR SUPPORT ORDER HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED OR WHICH HAS
17 INDEPENDENT CLAIMS BASED ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO AN
18 INDIVIDUAL OBLIGEE; OR

19 (3) AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKING A JUDGMENT DETERMINING PARENTAGE
20 OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S CHILD.

21 (N) "OBLIGOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR THE ESTATE OF A DECEDENT:

22 (1) WHO OWES OR IS ALLEGED TO OWE A DUTY OF SUPPORT;

23 (2) WHO IS ALLEGED BUT HAS NOT BEEN ADJUDICATED TO BE A
24 PARENT OF A CHILD; OR

25 (3) WHO IS LIABLE UNDER A SUPPORT ORDER.

26 (O) "REGISTER" MEANS TO RECORD A SUPPORT ORDER OR JUDGMENT
27 DETERMINING PARENTAGE IN THE REGISTRY OF FOREIGN SUPPORT ORDERS.

28 (P) "REGISTERING TRIBUNAL" MEANS A TRIBUNAL IN WHICH A SUPPORT
29 ORDER IS REGISTERED.

30 (Q) "RESPONDING STATE" MEANS A STATE TO WHICH A PROCEEDING IS
31 FORWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR A LAW SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THIS
32 SUBTITLE, THE UNIFORM RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT ACT, OR THE
33 REVISED UNIFORM RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT ACT.

34 (R) "RESPONDING TRIBUNAL" MEANS THE AUTHORIZED TRIBUNAL IN A
35 RESPONDING STATE.

36 (S) "SPOUSAL SUPPORT ORDER" MEANS A SUPPORT ORDER FOR A SPOUSE
37 OR FORMER SPOUSE OF THE OBLIGOR.

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1 (T) (1) "STATE" MEANS A STATE OF THE UNITED STATES, THE DISTRICT OF
2 COLUMBIA, THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, OR ANY TERRITORY OR
3 INSULAR POSSESSION SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

4 (2) "STATE" INCLUDES:

5 (I) AN INDIAN TRIBE; AND

6 (II) A FOREIGN JURISDICTION THAT HAS ESTABLISHED
7 PROCEDURES FOR ISSUANCE AND ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT ORDERS WHICH ARE
8 SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THE PROCEDURES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

9 (U) "SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" MEANS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR
10 AGENCY AUTHORIZED TO SEEK:

11 (1) ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT ORDERS OR LAWS RELATING TO THE
12 DUTY OF SUPPORT;

13 (2) ESTABLISHMENT OR MODIFICATION OF CHILD SUPPORT;

14 (3) DETERMINATION OF PARENTAGE; OR

15 (4) THE LOCATION OF OBLIGORS OR THEIR ASSETS.

16 (V) "SUPPORT ORDER" MEANS A JUDGMENT, DECREE, OR ORDER, WHETHER
17 TEMPORARY, FINAL, OR SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION, FOR THE BENEFIT OF A CHILD,
18 A SPOUSE, OR A FORMER SPOUSE, WHICH PROVIDES FOR MONETARY SUPPORT,
19 HEALTH CARE, ARREARAGES, OR REIMBURSEMENT, AND MAY INCLUDE RELATED
20 COSTS AND FEES, INTEREST, INCOME WITHHOLDING, ATTORNEY'S FEES, AND
21 OTHER RELIEF.

22 (W) "TRIBUNAL" MEANS A COURT, ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY, OR
23 QUASI-JUDICIAL ENTITY AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH, ENFORCE, OR MODIFY
24 SUPPORT ORDERS OR TO DETERMINE PARENTAGE.

25 10-302. TRIBUNALS OF THIS STATE.

26 THE CIRCUIT COURTS ARE THE TRIBUNALS OF THIS STATE.

27 10-303. REMEDIES CUMULATIVE.

28 REMEDIES PROVIDED BY THIS SUBTITLE ARE CUMULATIVE AND DO NOT
29 AFFECT THE AVAILABILITY OF REMEDIES UNDER OTHER LAW.

30 PART II. JURISDICTION.

31 SUBPART A. PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING TWO OR MORE STATES.

32 10-304. INITIATING AND RESPONDING TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE.

33 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY SERVE AS AN
34 INITIATING TRIBUNAL TO FORWARD PROCEEDINGS TO ANOTHER STATE AND AS A
35 RESPONDING TRIBUNAL FOR PROCEEDINGS INITIATED IN ANOTHER STATE.

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1 10-305. SIMULTANEOUS PROCEEDINGS IN ANOTHER STATE.

2 (A) A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY EXERCISE JURISDICTION TO ESTABLISH
3 A SUPPORT ORDER IF THE COMPLAINT OR COMPARABLE PLEADING IS FILED AFTER
4 A COMPLAINT OR COMPARABLE PLEADING IS FILED IN ANOTHER STATE ONLY IF:

5 (1) THE COMPLAINT OR COMPARABLE PLEADING IN THIS STATE IS
6 FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE TIME ALLOWED IN THE OTHER STATE FOR
7 FILING A RESPONSIVE PLEADING CHALLENGING THE EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION
8 BY THE OTHER STATE;

9 (2) THE CONTESTING PARTY TIMELY CHALLENGES THE EXERCISE OF
10 JURISDICTION IN THE OTHER STATE; AND

11 (3) IF RELEVANT, THIS STATE IS THE HOME STATE OF THE CHILD.

12 (B) A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY NOT EXERCISE JURISDICTION TO
13 ESTABLISH A SUPPORT ORDER IF THE COMPLAINT OR COMPARABLE PLEADING IS
14 FILED BEFORE A COMPLAINT OR COMPARABLE PLEADING IS FILED IN ANOTHER
15 STATE IF:

16 (1) THE COMPLAINT OR COMPARABLE PLEADING IN THE OTHER STATE
17 IS FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE TIME ALLOWED IN THIS STATE FOR
18 FILING A RESPONSIVE PLEADING CHALLENGING THE EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION
19 BY THIS STATE;

20 (2) THE CONTESTING PARTY TIMELY CHALLENGES THE EXERCISE OF
21 JURISDICTION IN THIS STATE; AND

22 (3) IF RELEVANT, THE OTHER STATE IS THE HOME STATE OF THE
23 CHILD.

24 10-306. CONTINUING EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.

25 (A) A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE ISSUING A SUPPORT ORDER CONSISTENT
26 WITH THE LAW OF THIS STATE HAS CONTINUING, EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER A
27 CHILD SUPPORT ORDER:

28 (1) AS LONG AS THIS STATE REMAINS THE RESIDENCE OF THE
29 OBLIGOR, THE INDIVIDUAL OBLIGEE, OR THE CHILD FOR WHOSE BENEFIT THE
30 SUPPORT ORDER IS ISSUED; OR

31 (2) UNTIL EACH INDIVIDUAL PARTY HAS FILED WRITTEN CONSENT
32 WITH THE TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE FOR A TRIBUNAL OF ANOTHER STATE TO
33 MODIFY THE ORDER AND ASSUME CONTINUING, EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.

34 (B) A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE ISSUING A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER
35 CONSISTENT WITH THE LAW OF THIS STATE MAY NOT EXERCISE ITS CONTINUING
36 JURISDICTION TO MODIFY THE ORDER IF THE ORDER HAS BEEN MODIFIED BY A
37 TRIBUNAL OF ANOTHER STATE PURSUANT TO A LAW SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO
38 THIS SUBTITLE.

39 (C) IF A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER OF THIS STATE IS MODIFIED BY A TRIBUNAL
40 OF ANOTHER STATE PURSUANT TO A LAW SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THIS

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1 SUBTITLE, A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE LOSES ITS CONTINUING, EXCLUSIVE
2 JURISDICTION WITH REGARD TO PROSPECTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDER
3 ISSUED IN THIS STATE, AND MAY ONLY:

4 (1) ENFORCE THE ORDER THAT WAS MODIFIED AS TO AMOUNTS
5 ACCRUING BEFORE THE MODIFICATION;

6 (2) ENFORCE NONMODIFIABLE ASPECTS OF THAT ORDER; AND

7 (3) PROVIDE OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF FOR VIOLATIONS OF THAT
8 ORDER WHICH OCCURRED BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE MODIFICATION.

9 (D) A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE SHALL RECOGNIZE THE CONTINUING,
10 EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF A TRIBUNAL OF ANOTHER STATE WHICH HAS ISSUED
11 A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER PURSUANT TO A LAW SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THIS
12 SUBTITLE.

13 (E) A TEMPORARY SUPPORT ORDER ISSUED EX PARTE OR PENDING
14 RESOLUTION OF A JURISDICTIONAL CONFLICT DOES NOT CREATE CONTINUING,
15 EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION IN THE ISSUING TRIBUNAL.

16 (F) A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE ISSUING A SUPPORT ORDER CONSISTENT
17 WITH THE LAW OF THIS STATE HAS CONTINUING, EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER A
18 SPOUSAL SUPPORT ORDER THROUGHOUT THE EXISTENCE OF THE SUPPORT
19 OBLIGATION. A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY NOT MODIFY A SPOUSAL SUPPORT
20 ORDER ISSUED BY A TRIBUNAL OF ANOTHER STATE HAVING CONTINUING,
21 EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER THAT ORDER UNDER THE LAW OF THAT STATE.

22 10-307. ENFORCEMENT AND MODIFICATION OF SUPPORT ORDER BY TRIBUNAL
23 HAVING CONTINUING JURISDICTION.

24 (A) A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY SERVE AS AN INITIATING TRIBUNAL TO
25 REQUEST A TRIBUNAL OF ANOTHER STATE TO ENFORCE OR MODIFY A SUPPORT
26 ORDER ISSUED IN THAT STATE.

27 (B) A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE HAVING CONTINUING, EXCLUSIVE
28 JURISDICTION OVER A SUPPORT ORDER MAY ACT AS A RESPONDING TRIBUNAL TO
29 ENFORCE OR MODIFY THE ORDER. IF A PARTY SUBJECT TO THE CONTINUING,
30 EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE TRIBUNAL NO LONGER RESIDES IN THE ISSUING
31 STATE, IN SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS THE TRIBUNAL MAY APPLY § 10-325 OF THIS
32 SUBTITLE (ASSISTANCE WITH DISCOVERY) TO OBTAIN DISCOVERY THROUGH A
33 TRIBUNAL OF ANOTHER STATE.

34 (C) A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE WHICH LACKS CONTINUING, EXCLUSIVE
35 JURISDICTION OVER A SPOUSAL SUPPORT ORDER MAY NOT SERVE AS A
36 RESPONDING TRIBUNAL TO MODIFY A SPOUSAL SUPPORT ORDER OF ANOTHER
37 STATE.

1 SUBPART B. RECONCILIATION WITH ORDERS OF OTHER STATES.

2 10-308. RECOGNITION OF CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS.

3 (A) IF A PROCEEDING IS BROUGHT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, AND ONE OR
4 MORE CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED IN THIS OR ANOTHER STATE
5 WITH REGARD TO AN OBLIGOR AND A CHILD, A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE SHALL
6 APPLY THE FOLLOWING RULES IN DETERMINING WHICH ORDER TO RECOGNIZE
7 FOR PURPOSES OF CONTINUING, EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION:

8 (1) IF ONLY ONE TRIBUNAL HAS ISSUED A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER, THE
9 ORDER OF THAT TRIBUNAL MUST BE RECOGNIZED.

10 (2) IF TWO OR MORE TRIBUNALS HAVE ISSUED CHILD SUPPORT
11 ORDERS FOR THE SAME OBLIGOR AND CHILD, AND ONLY ONE OF THE TRIBUNALS
12 WOULD HAVE CONTINUING, EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE
13 ORDER OF THAT TRIBUNAL MUST BE RECOGNIZED.

14 (3) IF TWO OR MORE TRIBUNALS HAVE ISSUED CHILD SUPPORT
15 ORDERS FOR THE SAME OBLIGOR AND CHILD, AND MORE THAN ONE OF THE
16 TRIBUNALS WOULD HAVE CONTINUING, EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION UNDER THIS
17 SUBTITLE, AN ORDER ISSUED BY A TRIBUNAL IN THE CURRENT HOME STATE OF
18 THE CHILD MUST BE RECOGNIZED, BUT IF AN ORDER HAS NOT BEEN ISSUED IN THE
19 CURRENT HOME STATE OF THE CHILD, THE ORDER MOST RECENTLY ISSUED MUST
20 BE RECOGNIZED.

21 (4) IF TWO OR MORE TRIBUNALS HAVE ISSUED CHILD SUPPORT
22 ORDERS FOR THE SAME OBLIGOR AND CHILD, AND NONE OF THE TRIBUNALS
23 WOULD HAVE CONTINUING, EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE
24 TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY ISSUE A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER, WHICH MUST BE
25 RECOGNIZED.

26 (B) THE TRIBUNAL THAT HAS ISSUED AN ORDER RECOGNIZED UNDER
27 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS THE TRIBUNAL HAVING CONTINUING,
28 EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.

29 10-309. MULTIPLE CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS FOR TWO OR MORE OBLIGEES.

30 IN RESPONDING TO MULTIPLE REGISTRATIONS OR REQUESTS FOR
31 ENFORCEMENT OF TWO OR MORE CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS IN EFFECT AT THE SAME
32 TIME WITH REGARD TO THE SAME OBLIGOR AND DIFFERENT INDIVIDUAL
33 OBLIGEES, AT LEAST ONE OF WHICH WAS ISSUED BY A TRIBUNAL OF ANOTHER
34 STATE, A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE SHALL ENFORCE THOSE ORDERS IN THE SAME
35 MANNER AS IF THE MULTIPLE ORDERS HAD BEEN ISSUED BY A TRIBUNAL OF THIS
36 STATE.

37 10-310. CREDIT FOR PAYMENTS.

38 AMOUNTS COLLECTED AND CREDITED FOR A PARTICULAR PERIOD PURSUANT
39 TO A SUPPORT ORDER ISSUED BY A TRIBUNAL OF ANOTHER STATE MUST BE
40 CREDITED AGAINST THE AMOUNTS ACCRUING OR ACCRUED FOR THE SAME
41 PERIOD UNDER A SUPPORT ORDER ISSUED BY THE TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE.

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1 PART III. CIVIL PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION.

2 10-311. PROCEEDINGS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

3 (A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THIS PART III
4 APPLIES TO ALL PROCEEDINGS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

5 (B) THIS SUBTITLE PROVIDES FOR THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS:

6 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ORDER FOR SPOUSAL SUPPORT OR CHILD
7 SUPPORT PURSUANT TO PART IV OF THIS SUBTITLE;

8 (2) ENFORCEMENT OF A SUPPORT ORDER AND INCOME WITHHOLDING
9 ORDER OF ANOTHER STATE WITHOUT REGISTRATION PURSUANT TO PART V OF
10 THIS SUBTITLE;

11 (3) REGISTRATION OF AN ORDER FOR SPOUSAL SUPPORT OR CHILD
12 SUPPORT OF ANOTHER STATE FOR ENFORCEMENT PURSUANT TO PART VI OF THIS
13 SUBTITLE;

14 (4) MODIFICATION OF AN ORDER FOR CHILD SUPPORT OR SPOUSAL
15 SUPPORT ISSUED BY A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE PURSUANT TO PART II, SUBPART A
16 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

17 (5) REGISTRATION OF AN ORDER FOR CHILD SUPPORT OF ANOTHER
18 STATE FOR MODIFICATION PURSUANT TO PART VI OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

19 (6) DETERMINATION OF PARENTAGE PURSUANT TO PART VII OF THIS
20 SUBTITLE.

21 (C) AN INDIVIDUAL OR A SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY COMMENCE
22 A PROCEEDING AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE BY FILING A COMPLAINT IN AN
23 INITIATING TRIBUNAL FOR FORWARDING TO A RESPONDING TRIBUNAL OR BY
24 FILING A COMPLAINT OR A COMPARABLE PLEADING DIRECTLY IN A TRIBUNAL OF
25 ANOTHER STATE WHICH HAS OR CAN OBTAIN PERSONAL JURISDICTION OVER THE
26 DEFENDANT.

27 10-312. ACTION BY MINOR PARENT.

28 A MINOR PARENT, OR A GUARDIAN OR OTHER LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF A
29 MINOR PARENT, MAY MAINTAIN A PROCEEDING ON BEHALF OF OR FOR THE
30 BENEFIT OF THE MINOR'S CHILD.

31 10-313. APPLICATION OF LAW OF THIS STATE.

32 EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY THIS SUBTITLE, A RESPONDING
33 TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE:

34 (1) SHALL APPLY THE PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE LAW,
35 INCLUDING THE RULES ON CHOICE OF LAW, GENERALLY APPLICABLE TO SIMILAR
36 PROCEEDINGS ORIGINATING IN THIS STATE AND MAY EXERCISE ALL POWERS AND
37 PROVIDE ALL REMEDIES AVAILABLE IN THOSE PROCEEDINGS; AND

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1 (2) SHALL DETERMINE THE DUTY OF SUPPORT AND THE AMOUNT
2 PAYABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW AND SUPPORT GUIDELINES OF THIS
3 STATE.

4 10-314. DUTIES OF INITIATING TRIBUNAL.

5 UPON THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBTITLE, AN
6 INITIATING TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE SHALL FORWARD THREE COPIES OF THE
7 COMPLAINT AND ITS ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS:

8 (1) TO THE RESPONDING TRIBUNAL OR APPROPRIATE SUPPORT
9 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE RESPONDING STATE; OR

10 (2) IF THE IDENTITY OF THE RESPONDING TRIBUNAL IS UNKNOWN, TO
11 THE STATE INFORMATION AGENCY OF THE RESPONDING STATE WITH A REQUEST
12 THAT THEY BE FORWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE TRIBUNAL AND THAT RECEIPT
13 BE ACKNOWLEDGED.

14 10-315. DUTIES AND POWERS OF RESPONDING TRIBUNAL.

15 (A) WHEN A RESPONDING TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE RECEIVES A COMPLAINT
16 OR COMPARABLE PLEADING FROM AN INITIATING TRIBUNAL OR DIRECTLY
17 PURSUANT TO § 10-311 OF THIS SUBTITLE (PROCEEDINGS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE), IT
18 SHALL CAUSE THE COMPLAINT OR PLEADING TO BE FILED AND NOTIFY THE
19 PLAINTIFF BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL WHERE AND WHEN IT WAS FILED.

20 (B) A RESPONDING TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE, TO THE EXTENT OTHERWISE
21 AUTHORIZED BY LAW, MAY DO ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

22 (1) ISSUE OR ENFORCE A SUPPORT ORDER, MODIFY A CHILD SUPPORT
23 ORDER, OR RENDER A JUDGMENT TO DETERMINE PARENTAGE;

24 (2) ORDER AN OBLIGOR TO COMPLY WITH A SUPPORT ORDER,
25 SPECIFYING THE AMOUNT AND THE MANNER OF COMPLIANCE;

26 (3) ORDER INCOME WITHHOLDING;

27 (4) DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF ANY ARREARAGES AND SPECIFY A
28 METHOD OF PAYMENT;

29 (5) ENFORCE ORDERS BY CIVIL OR CRIMINAL CONTEMPT, OR BOTH;

30 (6) SET ASIDE PROPERTY FOR SATISFACTION OF THE SUPPORT ORDER;

31 (7) PLACE LIENS AND ORDER EXECUTION ON THE OBLIGOR'S
32 PROPERTY;

33 (8) ORDER AN OBLIGOR TO KEEP THE TRIBUNAL INFORMED OF THE
34 OBLIGOR'S CURRENT RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, EMPLOYER,
35 ADDRESS OF EMPLOYMENT, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE PLACE OF
36 EMPLOYMENT;

37 (9) ISSUE A BENCH WARRANT FOR AN OBLIGOR WHO HAS FAILED
38 AFTER PROPER NOTICE TO APPEAR AT A HEARING ORDERED BY THE TRIBUNAL

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1 AND ENTER THE BENCH WARRANT IN ANY LOCAL AND STATE COMPUTER SYSTEMS
2 FOR CRIMINAL WARRANTS;

3 (10) ORDER THE OBLIGOR TO SEEK APPROPRIATE EMPLOYMENT BY
4 SPECIFIED METHODS;

5 (11) AWARD REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES AND OTHER FEES AND
6 COSTS; AND

7 (12) GRANT ANY OTHER AVAILABLE REMEDY.

8 (C) A RESPONDING TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE SHALL INCLUDE IN A SUPPORT
9 ORDER ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, OR IN THE DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING
10 THE ORDER, THE CALCULATIONS ON WHICH THE SUPPORT ORDER IS BASED.

11 (D) A RESPONDING TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY NOT CONDITION THE
12 PAYMENT OF A SUPPORT ORDER ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE UPON COMPLIANCE
13 BY A PARTY WITH PROVISIONS FOR VISITATION.

14 (E) IF A RESPONDING TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE ISSUES AN ORDER UNDER
15 THIS SUBTITLE, THE TRIBUNAL SHALL SEND A COPY OF THE ORDER BY FIRST-CLASS
16 MAIL TO THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DEFENDANT AND TO THE INITIATING TRIBUNAL,
17 IF ANY.

18 10-316. INAPPROPRIATE TRIBUNAL.

19 IF A COMPLAINT OR COMPARABLE PLEADING IS RECEIVED BY AN
20 INAPPROPRIATE TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE, IT SHALL FORWARD THE PLEADING AND
21 ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS TO AN APPROPRIATE TRIBUNAL IN THIS STATE OR
22 ANOTHER STATE AND NOTIFY THE PLAINTIFF BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL WHERE AND
23 WHEN THE PLEADING WAS SENT.

24 10-317. DUTIES OF SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

25 (A) A SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF THIS STATE, UPON REQUEST,
26 SHALL PROVIDE SERVICES TO A PLAINTIFF IN A PROCEEDING UNDER THIS
27 SUBTITLE.

28 (B) A SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT IS PROVIDING SERVICES TO
29 THE PLAINTIFF AS APPROPRIATE SHALL:

30 (1) TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO ENABLE AN APPROPRIATE
31 TRIBUNAL IN THIS STATE OR ANOTHER STATE TO OBTAIN JURISDICTION OVER THE
32 DEFENDANT;

33 (2) REQUEST AN APPROPRIATE TRIBUNAL TO SET A DATE, TIME, AND
34 PLACE FOR A HEARING;

35 (3) MAKE A REASONABLE EFFORT TO OBTAIN ALL RELEVANT
36 INFORMATION, INCLUDING INFORMATION AS TO INCOME AND PROPERTY OF THE
37 PARTIES;

38 (4) WITHIN 2 DAYS, EXCLUSIVE OF SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL
39 HOLIDAYS, AFTER RECEIPT OF A WRITTEN NOTICE FROM AN INITIATING,

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1 RESPONDING, OR REGISTERING TRIBUNAL, SEND A COPY OF THE NOTICE BY
2 FIRST-CLASS MAIL TO THE PLAINTIFF;

3 (5) WITHIN 2 DAYS, EXCLUSIVE OF SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL
4 HOLIDAYS, AFTER RECEIPT OF A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION FROM THE
5 DEFENDANT OR THE DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY, SEND A COPY OF THE
6 COMMUNICATION BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL TO THE PLAINTIFF; AND

7 (6) NOTIFY THE PLAINTIFF IF JURISDICTION OVER THE DEFENDANT
8 CANNOT BE OBTAINED.

9 (C) THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT CREATE OR NEGATE A RELATIONSHIP OF
10 ATTORNEY AND CLIENT OR OTHER FIDUCIARY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A
11 SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR THE ATTORNEY FOR THE AGENCY AND THE
12 INDIVIDUAL BEING ASSISTED BY THE AGENCY.

13 10-318. PRIVATE COUNSEL.

14 AN INDIVIDUAL MAY EMPLOY PRIVATE COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE
15 INDIVIDUAL IN PROCEEDINGS AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBTITLE.

16 10-319. DUTIES OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

17 (A) THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION IS THE STATE
18 INFORMATION AGENCY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

19 (B) THE STATE INFORMATION AGENCY SHALL:

20 (1) COMPILE AND MAINTAIN A CURRENT LIST, INCLUDING ADDRESSES,
21 OTHER TRIBUNALS IN THIS STATE WHICH HAVE JURISDICTION UNDER THIS
22 SUBTITLE, AND ANY SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THIS STATE AND
23 TRANSMIT A COPY TO THE STATE INFORMATION AGENCY OF EVERY OTHER STATE;

24 (2) MAINTAIN A REGISTER OF TRIBUNALS AND SUPPORT
25 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES RECEIVED FROM OTHER STATES;

26 (3) FORWARD TO THE APPROPRIATE TRIBUNAL IN THE PLACE IN THIS
27 STATE IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL OBLIGEE OR THE OBLIGOR RESIDES, OR IN
28 WHICH THE OBLIGOR'S PROPERTY IS BELIEVED TO BE LOCATED, ALL DOCUMENTS
29 CONCERNING A PROCEEDING UNDER THIS SUBTITLE RECEIVED FROM AN
30 INITIATING TRIBUNAL OR THE STATE INFORMATION AGENCY OF THE INITIATING
31 STATE; AND

32 (4) OBTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF THE
33 OBLIGOR AND THE OBLIGOR'S PROPERTY WITHIN THIS STATE NOT EXEMPT FROM
34 EXECUTION, BY SUCH MEANS AS POSTAL VERIFICATION AND FEDERAL OR STATE
35 LOCATOR SERVICES, EXAMINATION OF TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES, REQUESTS FOR
36 THE OBLIGOR'S ADDRESS FROM EMPLOYERS, AND EXAMINATION OF
37 GOVERNMENTAL RECORDS, INCLUDING, TO THE EXTENT NOT PROHIBITED BY
38 OTHER LAW, THOSE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY, VITAL STATISTICS, LAW
39 ENFORCEMENT, TAXATION, MOTOR VEHICLES, DRIVERS' LICENSES, AND SOCIAL
40 SECURITY.

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1 10-320. PLEADINGS AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS.

2 (A) A PLAINTIFF SEEKING TO ESTABLISH OR MODIFY A SUPPORT ORDER OR
3 TO DETERMINE PARENTAGE IN A PROCEEDING UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MUST
4 VERIFY THE COMPLAINT. UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED UNDER § 10-321 OF THIS
5 SUBTITLE (NONDISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES),
6 THE PLAINTIFF OR ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS MUST PROVIDE, SO FAR AS
7 KNOWN, THE NAME, RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS, AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS OF
8 THE OBLIGOR AND THE OBLIGEE AND THE NAME, SEX, RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS,
9 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, AND DATE OF BIRTH OF EACH CHILD FOR WHOM
10 SUPPORT IS SOUGHT. THE COMPLAINT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFIED
11 COPY OF ANY SUPPORT ORDER IN EFFECT. THE COMPLAINT MAY INCLUDE ANY
12 OTHER INFORMATION THAT MAY ASSIST IN LOCATING OR IDENTIFYING THE
13 DEFENDANT.

14 (B) THE COMPLAINT MUST SPECIFY THE RELIEF SOUGHT. THE COMPLAINT
15 AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS MUST CONFORM SUBSTANTIALLY WITH THE
16 REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE FORMS MANDATED BY FEDERAL LAW FOR USE IN
17 CASES FILED BY A SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

18 10-321. NONDISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

19 UPON A FINDING, WHICH MAY BE MADE EX PARTE, THAT THE HEALTH,
20 SAFETY, OR LIBERTY OF A PARTY OR CHILD WOULD BE UNREASONABLY PUT AT
21 RISK BY THE DISCLOSURE OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, OR IF AN EXISTING
22 ORDER SO PROVIDES, A TRIBUNAL SHALL ORDER THAT THE ADDRESS OF THE
23 CHILD OR PARTY OR OTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION NOT BE DISCLOSED IN A
24 PLEADING OR OTHER DOCUMENT FILED IN A PROCEEDING UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

25 10-322. COST AND FEES.

26 (A) THE PLAINTIFF MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY A FILING FEE OR OTHER
27 COSTS.

28 (B) IF AN OBLIGEE PREVAILS, A RESPONDING TRIBUNAL MAY ASSESS
29 AGAINST AN OBLIGOR FILING FEES, REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES, OTHER COSTS,
30 AND NECESSARY TRAVEL AND OTHER REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE
31 OBLIGEE AND THE OBLIGEE'S WITNESSES. THE TRIBUNAL MAY NOT ASSESS FEES,
32 COSTS, OR EXPENSES AGAINST THE OBLIGEE OR THE SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT
33 AGENCY OF EITHER THE INITIATING OR THE RESPONDING STATE, EXCEPT AS
34 PROVIDED BY OTHER LAW. ATTORNEY'S FEES MAY BE TAXED AS COSTS, AND MAY
35 BE ORDERED PAID DIRECTLY TO THE ATTORNEY, WHO MAY ENFORCE THE ORDER
36 IN THE ATTORNEY'S OWN NAME. PAYMENT OF SUPPORT OWED TO THE OBLIGEE
37 HAS PRIORITY OVER FEES, COSTS, AND EXPENSES.

38 (C) THE TRIBUNAL SHALL ORDER THE PAYMENT OF COSTS AND
39 REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES IF IT DETERMINES THAT A HEARING WAS
40 REQUESTED PRIMARILY FOR DELAY. IN A PROCEEDING UNDER PART VI OF THIS
41 SUBTITLE (ENFORCEMENT AND MODIFICATION OF SUPPORT ORDER AFTER
42 REGISTRATION), A HEARING IS PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN REQUESTED PRIMARILY
43 FOR DELAY IF A REGISTERED SUPPORT ORDER IS CONFIRMED OR ENFORCED
44 WITHOUT CHANGE.

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1 10-323. LIMITED IMMUNITY OF PLAINTIFF.

2 (A) PARTICIPATION BY A PLAINTIFF IN A PROCEEDING BEFORE A
3 RESPONDING TRIBUNAL, WHETHER IN PERSON, BY PRIVATE ATTORNEY, OR
4 THROUGH SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, DOES
5 NOT CONFER PERSONAL JURISDICTION OVER THE PLAINTIFF IN ANOTHER
6 PROCEEDING.

7 (B) A PLAINTIFF IS NOT AMENABLE TO SERVICE OF CIVIL PROCESS WHILE
8 PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN THIS STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROCEEDING UNDER
9 THIS SUBTITLE.

10 (C) THE IMMUNITY GRANTED BY THIS SECTION DOES NOT EXTEND TO CIVIL
11 LITIGATION BASED ON ACTS UNRELATED TO A PROCEEDING UNDER THIS SUBTITLE
12 COMMITTED BY A PARTY WHILE PRESENT IN THIS STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
13 PROCEEDING.

14 10-324. COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN TRIBUNALS.

15 A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY COMMUNICATE WITH A TRIBUNAL OF
16 ANOTHER STATE IN WRITING, OR BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER MEANS, TO OBTAIN
17 INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LAWS OF THAT STATE, THE LEGAL EFFECT OF A
18 JUDGMENT, DECREE, OR ORDER OF THAT TRIBUNAL, AND THE STATUS OF A
19 PROCEEDING IN THE OTHER STATE. A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY FURNISH
20 SIMILAR INFORMATION BY SIMILAR MEANS TO A TRIBUNAL OF ANOTHER STATE.

21 10-325. ASSISTANCE WITH DISCOVERY.

22 A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY:

23 (1) REQUEST A TRIBUNAL OF ANOTHER STATE TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING
24 DISCOVERY; AND

25 (2) UPON REQUEST, COMPEL A PERSON OVER WHOM IT HAS
26 JURISDICTION TO RESPOND TO A DISCOVERY ORDER ISSUED BY A TRIBUNAL OF
27 ANOTHER STATE.

28 10-326. RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF PAYMENTS.

29 A SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE SHALL
30 DISBURSE PROMPTLY ANY AMOUNTS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO A SUPPORT ORDER,
31 AS DIRECTED BY THE ORDER. THE AGENCY OR TRIBUNAL SHALL FURNISH TO A
32 REQUESTING PARTY OR TRIBUNAL OF ANOTHER STATE A CERTIFIED STATEMENT
33 BY THE CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORD OF THE AMOUNTS AND DATES OF ALL
34 PAYMENTS RECEIVED.

35 PART IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF SUPPORT ORDER.

36 10-327. COMPLAINT TO ESTABLISH SUPPORT ORDER.

37 (A) IF A SUPPORT ORDER ENTITLED TO RECOGNITION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE
38 HAS NOT BEEN ISSUED, A RESPONDING TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY ISSUE A
39 SUPPORT ORDER IF:

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1 (1) THE INDIVIDUAL SEEKING THE ORDER RESIDES IN ANOTHER
2 STATE; OR

3 (2) THE SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SEEKING THE ORDER IS
4 LOCATED IN ANOTHER STATE.

5 (B) THE TRIBUNAL MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY CHILD SUPPORT ORDER IF:

6 (1) THE DEFENDANT HAS SIGNED A VERIFIED STATEMENT
7 ACKNOWLEDGING PARENTAGE;

8 (2) THE DEFENDANT HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY OR PURSUANT TO
9 LAW TO BE THE PARENT; OR

10 (3) THERE IS OTHER CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT THE
11 DEFENDANT IS THE CHILD'S PARENT.

12 (C) UPON FINDING, AFTER NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, THAT
13 AN OBLIGOR OWES A DUTY OF SUPPORT, THE TRIBUNAL SHALL ISSUE A SUPPORT
14 ORDER DIRECTED TO THE OBLIGOR AND MAY ISSUE OTHER ORDERS PURSUANT TO
15 § 10-315 OF THIS SUBTITLE (DUTIES AND POWERS OF RESPONDING TRIBUNAL).

16 PART V. DIRECT ENFORCEMENT OF ORDER OF ANOTHER STATE WITHOUT
17 REGISTRATION.

18 10-328. RECOGNITION OF INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER OF ANOTHER STATE.

19 (A) AN INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER ISSUED IN ANOTHER STATE MAY BE
20 SENT BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL TO THE PERSON OR ENTITY DEFINED AS THE OBLIGOR'S
21 EMPLOYER UNDER SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS TITLE WITHOUT FIRST FILING A REQUEST
22 FOR SERVICE OF THE ORDER OR COMPARABLE PLEADING OR REGISTERING THE
23 ORDER WITH A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE. UPON RECEIPT OF THE ORDER, THE
24 EMPLOYER SHALL:

25 (1) TREAT AN INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER ISSUED IN ANOTHER
26 STATE WHICH APPEARS REGULAR ON ITS FACE AS IF IT HAD BEEN ISSUED BY A
27 TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE;

28 (2) IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE A COPY OF THE ORDER TO THE OBLIGOR;
29 AND

30 (3) DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDS AS DIRECTED IN THE WITHHOLDING
31 ORDER.

32 (B) AN OBLIGOR MAY CONTEST THE VALIDITY OR ENFORCEMENT OF AN
33 INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER ISSUED IN ANOTHER STATE IN THE SAME MANNER
34 AS IF THE ORDER HAD BEEN ISSUED BY A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE. SECTION 10-333
35 OF THIS SUBTITLE (CHOICE OF LAW) APPLIES TO THE CONTEST. THE OBLIGOR SHALL
36 GIVE NOTICE OF THE CONTEST TO ANY SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
37 PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE OBLIGEE AND TO:

38 (1) THE PERSON OR AGENCY DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE PAYMENT IN
39 THE INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER; OR

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1 (2) IF NO PERSON OR AGENCY IS DESIGNATED, THE OBLIGEE.

2 10-329. ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT OF ORDERS.

3 (A) A PARTY SEEKING TO ENFORCE A SUPPORT ORDER OR AN INCOME
4 WITHHOLDING ORDER, OR BOTH, ISSUED BY A TRIBUNAL OF ANOTHER STATE MAY
5 SEND THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR REGISTERING THE ORDER TO A SUPPORT
6 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF THIS STATE.

7 (B) UPON RECEIPT OF THE DOCUMENTS, THE SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT
8 AGENCY, WITHOUT INITIALLY SEEKING TO REGISTER THE ORDER, SHALL
9 CONSIDER AND, IF APPROPRIATE, USE ANY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE
10 AUTHORIZED BY THE LAW OF THIS STATE TO ENFORCE A SUPPORT ORDER OR AN
11 INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER, OR BOTH. IF THE OBLIGOR DOES NOT CONTEST
12 ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT, THE ORDER NEED NOT BE REGISTERED. IF THE
13 OBLIGOR CONTESTS THE VALIDITY OR ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT OF THE
14 ORDER, THE SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL REGISTER THE ORDER
15 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBTITLE.

16 PART VI. ENFORCEMENT AND MODIFICATION OF SUPPORT ORDER AFTER
17 REGISTRATION.

18 SUBPART A. REGISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT ORDER.

19 10-330. REGISTRATION OF ORDER FOR ENFORCEMENT.

20 A SUPPORT ORDER OR AN INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER ISSUED BY A
21 TRIBUNAL OF ANOTHER STATE MAY BE REGISTERED IN THIS STATE FOR
22 ENFORCEMENT.

23 10-331. PROCEDURE TO REGISTER ORDER FOR ENFORCEMENT.

24 (A) A SUPPORT ORDER OR INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER OF ANOTHER
25 STATE MAY BE REGISTERED IN THIS STATE BY SENDING THE FOLLOWING
26 DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION TO THE APPROPRIATE TRIBUNAL IN THIS STATE:

27 (1) A LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL TO THE TRIBUNAL REQUESTING
28 REGISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT;

29 (2) TWO COPIES, INCLUDING ONE CERTIFIED COPY, OF ALL ORDERS TO
30 BE REGISTERED, INCLUDING ANY MODIFICATION OF AN ORDER;

31 (3) A SWORN STATEMENT BY THE PARTY SEEKING REGISTRATION OR A
32 CERTIFIED STATEMENT BY THE CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORDS SHOWING THE
33 AMOUNT OF ANY ARREARAGE;

34 (4) THE NAME OF THE OBLIGOR AND, IF KNOWN:

35 (I) THE OBLIGOR'S ADDRESS AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER;

36 (II) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE OBLIGOR'S EMPLOYER AND
37 ANY OTHER SOURCE OF INCOME OF THE OBLIGOR; AND

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1 (III) A DESCRIPTION AND THE LOCATION OF PROPERTY OF THE
2 OBLIGOR IN THIS STATE NOT EXEMPT FROM EXECUTION; AND

3 (5) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE OBLIGEE AND, IF APPLICABLE,
4 THE AGENCY OR PERSON TO WHOM SUPPORT PAYMENTS ARE TO BE REMITTED.

5 (B) ON RECEIPT OF A REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION, THE REGISTERING
6 TRIBUNAL SHALL CAUSE THE ORDER TO BE FILED AS A FOREIGN JUDGMENT,
7 TOGETHER WITH ONE COPY OF THE DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION, REGARDLESS
8 OF THEIR FORM.

9 (C) A COMPLAINT OR COMPARABLE PLEADING SEEKING A REMEDY THAT
10 MUST BE AFFIRMATIVELY SOUGHT UNDER OTHER LAW OF THIS STATE MAY BE
11 FILED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION OR LATER. THE
12 PLEADING MUST SPECIFY THE GROUNDS FOR THE REMEDY SOUGHT.

13 10-332. EFFECT OF REGISTRATION FOR ENFORCEMENT.

14 (A) A SUPPORT ORDER OR INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER ISSUED IN
15 ANOTHER STATE IS REGISTERED WHEN THE ORDER IS FILED IN THE REGISTERING
16 TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE.

17 (B) A REGISTERED ORDER ISSUED IN ANOTHER STATE IS ENFORCEABLE IN
18 THE SAME MANNER AND IS SUBJECT TO THE SAME PROCEDURES AS AN ORDER
19 ISSUED BY A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE.

20 (C) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, A TRIBUNAL OF THIS
21 STATE SHALL RECOGNIZE AND ENFORCE, BUT MAY NOT MODIFY, A REGISTERED
22 ORDER IF THE ISSUING TRIBUNAL HAD JURISDICTION.

23 10-333. CHOICE OF LAW.

24 (A) THE LAW OF THE ISSUING STATE GOVERNS THE NATURE, EXTENT,
25 AMOUNT, AND DURATION OF CURRENT PAYMENTS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF
26 SUPPORT AND THE PAYMENT OF ARREARAGES UNDER THE ORDER.

27 (B) IN A PROCEEDING FOR ARREARAGES, THE STATUTE OF LIMITATION
28 UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE OR OF THE ISSUING STATE, WHICHEVER IS
29 LONGER, APPLIES.

30 SUBPART B. CONTEST OF VALIDITY OR ENFORCEMENT.

31 10-334. NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF ORDER.

32 (A) WHEN A SUPPORT ORDER OR INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER ISSUED IN
33 ANOTHER STATE IS REGISTERED, THE REGISTERING TRIBUNAL SHALL NOTIFY THE
34 NONREGISTERING PARTY. NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN BY FIRST-CLASS, CERTIFIED, OR
35 REGISTERED MAIL OR BY ANY MEANS OF PERSONAL SERVICE AUTHORIZED BY THE
36 LAW OF THIS STATE. THE NOTICE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COPY OF THE
37 REGISTERED ORDER AND THE DOCUMENTS AND RELEVANT INFORMATION
38 ACCOMPANYING THE ORDER.

39 (B) THE NOTICE MUST INFORM THE NONREGISTERING PARTY:

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1 (1) THAT A REGISTERED ORDER IS ENFORCEABLE AS OF THE DATE OF
2 REGISTRATION IN THE SAME MANNER AS AN ORDER ISSUED BY A TRIBUNAL OF
3 THIS STATE;

4 (2) THAT A HEARING TO CONTEST THE VALIDITY OR ENFORCEMENT OF
5 THE REGISTERED ORDER MUST BE REQUESTED WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER THE DATE
6 OF MAILING OR PERSONAL SERVICE OF THE NOTICE;

7 (3) THAT FAILURE TO CONTEST THE VALIDITY OR ENFORCEMENT OF
8 THE REGISTERED ORDER IN A TIMELY MANNER WILL RESULT IN CONFIRMATION OF
9 THE ORDER AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDER AND THE ALLEGED ARREARAGES
10 AND PRECLUDES FURTHER CONTEST OF THAT ORDER WITH RESPECT TO ANY
11 MATTER THAT COULD HAVE BEEN ASSERTED; AND

12 (4) OF THE AMOUNT OF ANY ALLEGED ARREARAGES.

13 (C) UPON REGISTRATION OF AN INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER FOR
14 ENFORCEMENT, THE REGISTERING TRIBUNAL SHALL NOTIFY THE OBLIGOR'S
15 EMPLOYER PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS TITLE.

16 10-335. PROCEDURE TO CONTEST VALIDITY OR ENFORCEMENT OF REGISTERED
17 ORDER.

18 (A) A NONREGISTERING PARTY SEEKING TO CONTEST THE VALIDITY OR
19 ENFORCEMENT OF A REGISTERED ORDER IN THIS STATE SHALL REQUEST A
20 HEARING WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF MAILING OR PERSONAL SERVICE OF
21 NOTICE OF THE REGISTRATION. THE NONREGISTERING PARTY MAY SEEK TO
22 VACATE THE REGISTRATION, TO ASSERT ANY DEFENSE TO AN ALLEGATION OF
23 NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THE REGISTERED ORDER, OR TO CONTEST THE REMEDIES
24 BEING SOUGHT OR THE AMOUNT OF ANY ALLEGED ARREARAGES PURSUANT TO §
25 10-336 OF THIS SUBTITLE (CONTEST OF REGISTRATION OR ENFORCEMENT).

26 (B) IF THE NONREGISTERING PARTY FAILS TO CONTEST THE VALIDITY OR
27 ENFORCEMENT OF THE REGISTERED ORDER IN A TIMELY MANNER, THE ORDER IS
28 CONFIRMED BY OPERATION OF LAW.

29 (C) IF A NONREGISTERING PARTY REQUESTS A HEARING TO CONTEST THE
30 VALIDITY OR ENFORCEMENT OF THE REGISTERED ORDER, THE REGISTERING
31 TRIBUNAL SHALL SCHEDULE THE MATTER FOR HEARING AND GIVE NOTICE TO THE
32 PARTIES BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL OF THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE HEARING.

33 10-336. CONTEST OF REGISTRATION OR ENFORCEMENT.

34 (A) A PARTY CONTESTING THE VALIDITY OR ENFORCEMENT OF A
35 REGISTERED ORDER OR SEEKING TO VACATE THE REGISTRATION HAS THE
36 BURDEN OF PROVING ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING DEFENSES:

37 (1) THE ISSUING TRIBUNAL LACKED PERSONAL JURISDICTION OVER
38 THE CONTESTING PARTY;

39 (2) THE ORDER WAS OBTAINED BY FRAUD;

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1 (3) THE ORDER HAS BEEN VACATED, SUSPENDED, OR MODIFIED BY A
2 LATER ORDER;

3 (4) THE ISSUING TRIBUNAL HAS STAYED THE ORDER PENDING APPEAL;

4 (5) THERE IS A DEFENSE UNDER THE LAW OF THIS STATE TO THE
5 REMEDY SOUGHT;

6 (6) FULL OR PARTIAL PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE; OR

7 (7) THE STATUTE OF LIMITATION UNDER § 10-333 OF THIS SUBTITLE
8 (CHOICE OF LAW) PRECLUDES ENFORCEMENT OF SOME OR ALL OF THE
9 ARREARAGES.

10 (B) IF A PARTY PRESENTS EVIDENCE ESTABLISHING A FULL OR PARTIAL
11 DEFENSE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, A TRIBUNAL MAY STAY
12 ENFORCEMENT OF THE REGISTERED ORDER, CONTINUE THE PROCEEDING TO
13 PERMIT PRODUCTION OF ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EVIDENCE, AND ISSUE OTHER
14 APPROPRIATE ORDERS. AN UNCONTESTED PORTION OF THE REGISTERED ORDER
15 MAY BE ENFORCED BY ALL REMEDIES AVAILABLE UNDER THE LAW OF THIS STATE.

16 (C) IF THE CONTESTING PARTY DOES NOT ESTABLISH A DEFENSE UNDER
17 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION TO THE VALIDITY OR ENFORCEMENT OF THE
18 ORDER, THE REGISTERING TRIBUNAL SHALL ISSUE AN ORDER CONFIRMING THE
19 ORDER.

20 10-337. CONFIRMED ORDER.

21 CONFIRMATION OF A REGISTERED ORDER, WHETHER BY OPERATION OF LAW
22 OR AFTER NOTICE AND HEARING, PRECLUDES FURTHER CONTEST OF THE ORDER
23 WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER THAT COULD HAVE BEEN ASSERTED AT THE TIME
24 OF REGISTRATION.

25 SUBPART C. REGISTRATION AND MODIFICATION OF CHILD SUPPORT ORDER.

26 10-338. PROCEDURE TO REGISTER CHILD SUPPORT ORDER OF ANOTHER STATE FOR
27 MODIFICATION.

28 A PARTY OR SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SEEKING TO MODIFY, OR TO
29 MODIFY AND ENFORCE, A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER ISSUED IN ANOTHER STATE
30 SHALL REGISTER THAT ORDER IN THIS STATE IN THE SAME MANNER PROVIDED IN
31 SUBPART A OF THIS PART IF THE ORDER HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED. A COMPLAINT
32 FOR MODIFICATION MAY BE FILED AT THE SAME TIME AS A REQUEST FOR
33 REGISTRATION, OR LATER. THE PLEADING MUST SPECIFY THE GROUNDS FOR
34 MODIFICATION.

35 10-339. EFFECT OF REGISTRATION FOR MODIFICATION.

36 A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY ENFORCE A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER OF
37 ANOTHER STATE REGISTERED FOR PURPOSES OF MODIFICATION, IN THE SAME
38 MANNER AS IF THE ORDER HAD BEEN ISSUED BY A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE, BUT
39 THE REGISTERED ORDER MAY BE MODIFIED ONLY IF THE REQUIREMENTS OF §

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1 10-340 OF THIS SUBTITLE (MODIFICATION OF CHILD SUPPORT ORDER OF ANOTHER
2 STATE) HAVE BEEN MET.

3 10-340. MODIFICATION OF CHILD SUPPORT ORDER OF ANOTHER STATE.

4 (A) AFTER A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER ISSUED IN ANOTHER STATE HAS BEEN
5 REGISTERED IN THIS STATE, THE RESPONDING TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY
6 MODIFY THAT ORDER ONLY IF, AFTER NOTICE AND HEARING, IT FINDS THAT:

7 (1) THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:

8 (I) THE CHILD, THE INDIVIDUAL OBLIGEE, AND THE OBLIGOR DO
9 NOT RESIDE IN THE ISSUING STATE;

10 (II) A PLAINTIFF WHO IS A NONRESIDENT OF THIS STATE SEEKS
11 MODIFICATION; AND

12 (III) THE DEFENDANT IS SUBJECT TO THE PERSONAL JURISDICTION
13 OF THE TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE; OR

14 (2) AN INDIVIDUAL PARTY OR THE CHILD IS SUBJECT TO THE
15 PERSONAL JURISDICTION OF THE TRIBUNAL AND ALL OF THE INDIVIDUAL PARTIES
16 HAVE FILED A WRITTEN CONSENT IN THE ISSUING TRIBUNAL PROVIDING THAT A
17 TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY MODIFY THE SUPPORT ORDER AND ASSUME
18 CONTINUING, EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER THE ORDER.

19 (B) MODIFICATION OF A REGISTERED CHILD SUPPORT ORDER IS SUBJECT TO
20 THE SAME REQUIREMENTS, PROCEDURES, AND DEFENSES THAT APPLY TO THE
21 MODIFICATION OF AN ORDER ISSUED BY A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE, AND THE
22 ORDER MAY BE ENFORCED AND SATISFIED IN THE SAME MANNER.

23 (C) A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY NOT MODIFY ANY ASPECT OF A CHILD
24 SUPPORT ORDER THAT MAY NOT BE MODIFIED UNDER THE LAW OF THE ISSUING
25 STATE.

26 (D) ON ISSUANCE OF AN ORDER MODIFYING A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER
27 ISSUED IN ANOTHER STATE, A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE BECOMES THE TRIBUNAL
28 OF CONTINUING, EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.

29 (E) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER ISSUANCE OF A MODIFIED CHILD SUPPORT
30 ORDER, THE PARTY OBTAINING THE MODIFICATION SHALL FILE A CERTIFIED COPY
31 OF THE ORDER WITH THE ISSUING TRIBUNAL WHICH HAD CONTINUING, EXCLUSIVE
32 JURISDICTION OVER THE EARLIER ORDER, AND IN EACH TRIBUNAL IN WHICH THE
33 PARTY KNOWS THAT EARLIER ORDER HAS BEEN REGISTERED.

34 10-341. RECOGNITION OF ORDER MODIFIED IN ANOTHER STATE.

35 A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE SHALL RECOGNIZE A MODIFICATION OF ITS
36 EARLIER CHILD SUPPORT ORDER BY A TRIBUNAL OF ANOTHER STATE WHICH
37 ASSUMED JURISDICTION PURSUANT TO A LAW SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THIS
38 SUBTITLE AND, UPON REQUEST, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS
39 SUBTITLE, SHALL:

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1 (1) ENFORCE THE ORDER THAT WAS MODIFIED ONLY AS TO AMOUNTS
2 ACCRUING BEFORE THE MODIFICATION;

3 (2) ENFORCE ONLY NONMODIFIABLE ASPECTS OF THAT ORDER;

4 (3) PROVIDE OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF ONLY FOR VIOLATIONS OF
5 THAT ORDER WHICH OCCURRED BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE
6 MODIFICATION; AND

7 (4) RECOGNIZE THE MODIFYING ORDER OF THE OTHER STATE, UPON
8 REGISTRATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCEMENT.

9 PART VII. DETERMINATION OF PARENTAGE.

10 10-342. PROCEEDING TO DETERMINE PARENTAGE.

11 (A) A TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE MAY SERVE AS AN INITIATING OR
12 RESPONDING TRIBUNAL IN A PROCEEDING BROUGHT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR A
13 LAW SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THIS SUBTITLE, THE UNIFORM RECIPROCAL
14 ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT ACT, OR THE REVISED UNIFORM RECIPROCAL
15 ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT ACT TO DETERMINE THAT THE PLAINTIFF IS A PARENT
16 OF A PARTICULAR CHILD OR TO DETERMINE THAT A DEFENDANT IS A PARENT OF
17 THAT CHILD.

18 (B) IN A PROCEEDING TO DETERMINE PARENTAGE, A RESPONDING
19 TRIBUNAL OF THIS STATE SHALL APPLY THE PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE LAW
20 OF THIS STATE AND THE RULES OF THIS STATE ON CHOICE OF LAW.

21 PART VIII. INTERSTATE RENDITION.

22 10-343. GROUNDS FOR RENDITION.

23 (A) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PART VIII, "GOVERNOR" INCLUDES AN
24 INDIVIDUAL PERFORMING THE FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNOR OR THE EXECUTIVE
25 AUTHORITY OF A STATE COVERED BY THIS SUBTITLE.

26 (B) THE GOVERNOR OF THIS STATE MAY:

27 (1) DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNOR OF ANOTHER STATE SURRENDER
28 AN INDIVIDUAL FOUND IN THE OTHER STATE WHO IS CHARGED CRIMINALLY IN
29 THIS STATE WITH HAVING FAILED TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPPORT OF AN OBLIGEE;
30 OR

31 (2) ON THE DEMAND BY THE GOVERNOR OF ANOTHER STATE,
32 SURRENDER AN INDIVIDUAL FOUND IN THIS STATE WHO IS CHARGED CRIMINALLY
33 IN THE OTHER STATE WITH HAVING FAILED TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPPORT OF AN
34 OBLIGEE.

35 (C) A PROVISION FOR EXTRADITION OF INDIVIDUALS NOT INCONSISTENT
36 WITH THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES TO THE DEMAND EVEN IF THE INDIVIDUAL WHOSE
37 SURRENDER IS DEMANDED WAS NOT IN THE DEMANDING STATE WHEN THE CRIME
38 WAS ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED AND HAS NOT FLED THEREFROM.

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1 10-344. CONDITIONS OF RENDITION.

2 (A) BEFORE MAKING DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNOR OF ANOTHER STATE
3 SURRENDER AN INDIVIDUAL CHARGED CRIMINALLY IN THIS STATE WITH HAVING
4 FAILED TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPPORT OF AN OBLIGEE, THE GOVERNOR OF THIS
5 STATE MAY REQUIRE A PROSECUTOR OF THIS STATE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT AT
6 LEAST 60 DAYS PREVIOUSLY THE OBLIGEE HAD INITIATED PROCEEDINGS FOR
7 SUPPORT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBTITLE OR THAT THE PROCEEDING WOULD BE OF
8 NO AVAIL.

9 (B) IF, UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR A LAW SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THIS
10 SUBTITLE, THE UNIFORM RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT ACT, OR THE
11 REVISED UNIFORM RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT ACT, THE GOVERNOR
12 OF ANOTHER STATE MAKES A DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THIS STATE
13 SURRENDER AN INDIVIDUAL CHARGED CRIMINALLY IN THAT STATE WITH HAVING
14 FAILED TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPPORT OF A CHILD OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL TO
15 WHOM A DUTY OF SUPPORT IS OWED, THE GOVERNOR MAY REQUIRE A
16 PROSECUTOR TO INVESTIGATE THE DEMAND AND REPORT WHETHER A
17 PROCEEDING FOR SUPPORT HAS BEEN INITIATED OR WOULD BE EFFECTIVE. IF IT
18 APPEARS THAT A PROCEEDING WOULD BE EFFECTIVE BUT HAS NOT BEEN
19 INITIATED, THE GOVERNOR MAY DELAY HONORING THE DEMAND FOR A
20 REASONABLE TIME TO PERMIT THE INITIATION OF A PROCEEDING.

21 (C) IF A PROCEEDING FOR SUPPORT HAS BEEN INITIATED AND THE
22 INDIVIDUAL WHOSE RENDITION IS DEMANDED PREVAILS, THE GOVERNOR MAY
23 DECLINE TO HONOR THE DEMAND. IF THE PLAINTIFF PREVAILS AND THE
24 INDIVIDUAL WHOSE RENDITION IS DEMANDED IS SUBJECT TO A SUPPORT ORDER,
25 THE GOVERNOR MAY DECLINE TO HONOR THE DEMAND IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS
26 COMPLYING WITH THE SUPPORT ORDER.

27 10-345. UNIFORMITY OF APPLICATION AND CONSTRUCTION.

28 THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE APPLIED AND CONSTRUED TO EFFECTUATE ITS
29 GENERAL PURPOSE TO MAKE UNIFORM THE LAW WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBJECT
30 OF THIS SUBTITLE AMONG STATES ENACTING IT.

31 10-346. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

32 IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE OR ITS APPLICATION TO ANY PERSON OR
33 CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD INVALID, THE INVALIDITY DOES NOT AFFECT OTHER
34 PROVISIONS OR APPLICATIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE WHICH CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT
35 WITHOUT THE INVALID PROVISION OR APPLICATION, AND TO THIS END THE
36 PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE SEVERABLE.

37 10-347. SHORT TITLE.

38 THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE MARYLAND UNIFORM INTERSTATE
39 FAMILY SUPPORT ACT.

40 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the captions contained in
41 this Act are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as part of this Act.

1 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 January 1, 1997.