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By: Senator Baker

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Child Support - Paternity Proceedings

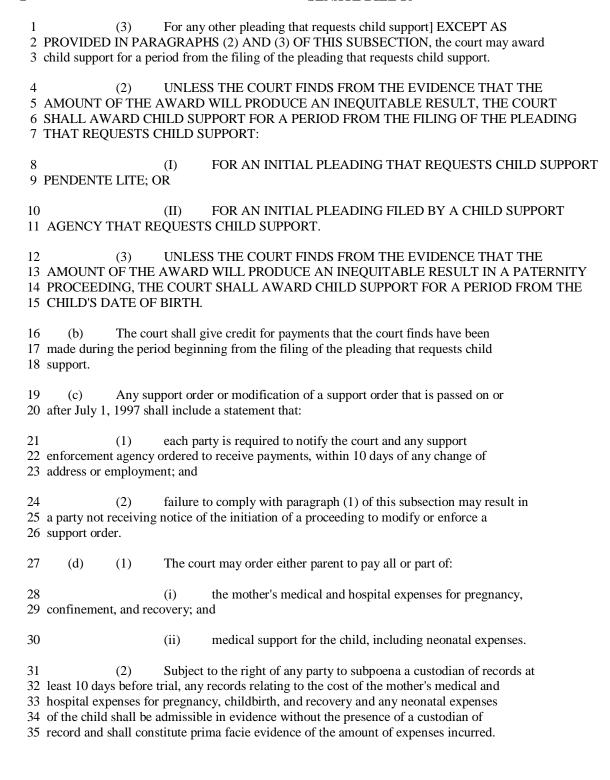
- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring the court in a paternity proceeding to award child
- 4 support for a period from the child's date of birth unless the court finds from the
- 5 evidence that the amount of the award will produce an inequitable result;
- 6 making certain stylistic changes; providing for the application of this Act; and
- 7 generally relating to child support awards in paternity proceedings.
- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 9 Article Family Law
- 10 Section 12-101
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
- 13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 Article - Family Law

16 12-101.

- 17 (a) (1) [Unless the court finds from the evidence that the amount of the
- 18 award will produce an inequitable result, for an initial pleading that requests child
- 19 support pendente lite, the court shall award child support for a period from the filing
- 20 of the pleading that requests child support.
- 21 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection, unless the court
- 22 finds from the evidence that the amount of the award will produce an inequitable
- 23 result, for an initial pleading filed by a child support agency that requests child
- 24 support, the court shall award child support for a period from the filing of the
- 25 pleading that requests child support.

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- 1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
- 2 construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect 3 on or application to any paternity proceeding filed before the effective date of this Act.
- SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 4
- 5 October 1, 2000.