

# HOUSE BILL 792

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By: **Delegates Barkley, Ali, and Dumais**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law – Child Support – Suspension of Attorney Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “licensing authority” to specifically  
4 include the Court of Appeals in provisions authorizing a licensing authority to  
5 suspend certain professional licenses for failure to pay child support; and  
6 generally relating to child support.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Family Law  
9 Section 10–119.3(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2006 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article – Family Law  
14 Section 10–119.3(e)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2006 Replacement Volume)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Family Law**

20 10–119.3.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.





1 13. the Office of the Attorney General; [and]

2 14. the clerks of the court that are authorized to issue a  
3 license or certificate for professional services or recreational uses; **AND**

4 **15. THE COURT OF APPEALS.**

5 (e) (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (f) of this section, the  
6 Administration may request a licensing authority to suspend or deny an individual's  
7 license if:

8 (i) 1. the individual is in arrears amounting to more than  
9 120 days under the most recent order; and

10 2. A. the Administration has accepted an assignment  
11 of support under Article 88A, § 50(b)(2) of the Code; or

12 B. the recipient of support payments has filed an  
13 application for support enforcement services with the Administration; or

14 (ii) the individual has failed to comply with a subpoena issued  
15 by the Administration under § 10-108.6 of this subtitle.

16 (2) Upon notification by the Administration under this section, a  
17 licensing authority shall:

18 (i) suspend an individual's license; or

19 (ii) deny the license of an individual who is an applicant for a  
20 license from the licensing authority.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2007.