HOUSE BILL 792

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

I	AN ACT concerning	

2	Family Law -	· Child Support -	 Suspension 	of Attorney	Licenses
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- FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "licensing authority" to specifically include the Court of Appeals in provisions authorizing a licensing authority to 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:

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	(a) (1)	In this sec	tion the following words have the meanings indicated.	
2 3	$\ensuremath{(2)}$ "License" means any license, certificate, registration, permit, or other authorization that:			
4		(i) is is	sued by a licensing authority;	
5 6	(ii) is subject to suspension, revocation, forfeiture, or termination by a licensing authority; and			
7 8	(iii) is necessary for an individual to practice or engage in a particular business, occupation, or profession.			
9 10	(3) department, com		ensing authority" means a department, unit of a rd, [or] office, OR COURT of the State.	
11		(ii) "Lic	ensing authority" includes:	
12		1.	the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;	
13		2.	the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;	
14		3.	the Department of Human Resources;	
15		4.	the Department of Transportation;	
16		5.	the Department of the Environment;	
17		6.	the Comptroller of the Treasury;	
18		7. the Department of Agriculture;		
19		8.	the Maryland Insurance Administration;	
20		9.	the Public Service Commission;	
21		10.	the Secretary of State;	
22		11.	the State Department of Education;	
23		12.	the Department of Natural Resources;	

1	13. the Office of the Attorney General; [and]
2 3	14. the clerks of the court that are authorized to issue a license or certificate for professional services or recreational uses; AND
4	15. THE COURT OF APPEALS.
5 6 7	(e) (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (f) of this section, the Administration may request a licensing authority to suspend or deny an individual's license if:
8 9	(i) 1. the individual is in arrears amounting to more than 120 days under the most recent order; and
10 11	2. A. the Administration has accepted an assignment of support under Article 88A, $\S~50(b)(2)$ of the Code; or
12 13	B. the recipient of support payments has filed an application for support enforcement services with the Administration; or
14 15	(ii) the individual has failed to comply with a subpoena issued by the Administration under $\S 10-108.6$ of this subtitle.
16 17	(2) Upon notification by the Administration under this section, a licensing authority shall:
18	(i) suspend an individual's license; or
19 20	(ii) deny the license of an individual who is an applicant for a license from the licensing authority.
21 22	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.