

CHAPTER 483

(House Bill 1427)

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Child Support – Collection Fee

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Child Support Enforcement Administration to deduct an annual collection fee from child support payments in certain cases; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to child support enforcement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 10–110
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Family Law

10–110.

- (a) The Administration may:
- (1) charge an initial application fee of not more than \$25 for support services;
 - (2) deduct from the child support payment to defray the cost of providing support enforcement services under:
 - (i) the Income Tax Refund Intercept Program under this subtitle; and
 - (ii) the Federal Treasury Offset Program; [and]
 - (3) collect fees from the obligor to defray the costs of providing support enforcement services; **AND**

(4) DEDUCT FROM CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS AN ANNUAL COLLECTION FEE OF \$25 FOR CASES IN WHICH THE FAMILY NEVER RECEIVED TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE AND HAS RECEIVED AT LEAST \$500 IN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS DURING THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, the Administration may not:

- (1) collect fees from the child support obligee; or
- (2) deduct fees from the child support payment.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007. *It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of September 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.*

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.