HOUSE BILL 1413

By: Delegate Moon
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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Child Support Enforcement – License Applications – Taxpayer Identification Number

FOR the purpose of altering the duties of certain licensing authorities in certain provisions of law relating to the suspension or denial of certain occupational licenses for child support arrearages to provide for the disclosure of the taxpayer identification number of an applicant for a certain occupational license instead of the Social Security number under certain circumstances; and generally relating to child support enforcement.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 10–119.3(a)(3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 10–119.3(b), (c), and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Family Law

10–119.3.

(a) (3) (i) “Licensing authority” means a department, unit of a department, commission, board, office, or court of the State.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(ii) “Licensing authority” includes:

1. the Maryland Department of Labor;
2. the Maryland Department of Health;
3. the Department of Human Services;
4. the Department of Transportation;
5. the Department of the Environment;
6. the Comptroller of the Treasury;
7. the Department of Agriculture;
8. the Maryland Insurance Administration;
9. the Public Service Commission;
10. the Secretary of State;
11. the State Department of Education;
12. the Department of Natural Resources;
13. the Office of the Attorney General;
14. the clerks of the court that are authorized to issue a license or certificate for professional services or recreational uses; and
15. the Court of Appeals.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a licensing authority shall:

(i) require each applicant for a license to disclose the Social Security number of the applicant OR, IF THE APPLICANT DOES NOT HAVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, THE TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE APPLICANT; and

(ii) record the applicant’s Social Security number OR, AS APPROPRIATE, THE TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER on the application.

(2) The Department of Natural Resources shall:
(i) require an applicant for a recreational hunting or fishing license
to disclose only the last four digits of the Social Security number of the applicant instead of
the full Social Security number OR, IF THE APPLICANT DOES NOT HAVE A SOCIAL
SECURITY NUMBER, THE TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER; and

(ii) record the applicant’s partial Social Security number OR, AS
APPROPRIATE, THE TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER on the application.

(c) (1) To carry out its responsibility under State and federal law, the
Administration may request from a licensing authority information concerning any obligor
in arrears in paying child support through a support enforcement agency.

(2) A request for information by the Administration under paragraph (1) of
this subsection:

(i) shall contain:

1. the full name of the obligor; and

2. the Social Security number or, as appropriate, the partial
Social Security number OR THE TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER of the obligor; and

(ii) may be transmitted to a licensing authority using an electronic
format.

(3) A request for information may not be made by the Administration to a
licensing authority more frequently than four times in each calendar year except with
respect to an obligor whom the Administration has reason to believe is licensed by, or has
applied for a license from, the licensing authority.

(4) In addition to requests for information under this subsection, the
Administration may request a licensing authority to periodically share its licensing
database with the Administration.

(d) (1) Upon receipt of a request for information under subsection (c) of this
section, a licensing authority shall submit the following information to the Administration
with respect to each obligor who is licensed by, or has applied for a license from, the
licensing authority:

(i) the full name of the obligor;

(ii) the address of the obligor, if known;

(iii) the Social Security number or, as appropriate, the partial Social
Security number OR THE TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER of the obligor, if known; and
(iv) a description of the license held by the obligor.

(2) The information may be transmitted to the Administration in an electronic format.

(3) Except as otherwise provided by law, any record compiled under this subsection shall be made available only to a person who has a right to the record in an official capacity.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.