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MARYLAND JUDICIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
FROM: Legislative Committee
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.
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RE: Senate Bill 106
Child Support – Suspension of Driver's Licenses
DATE: January 15, 2025
(1/22)

INFORMATIONAL COMMENT PAPER

The Judiciary respects the separation of powers doctrine and acknowledges that the legislature is the policy-making branch. As such, the Judiciary has no position on the policy aims of this legislation and defers to the legislative branch on such matters.

The Judiciary writes only to provide information, if useful for the Committee's consideration. A significant number of individuals at risk of losing their license for nonpayment of child support are people who need that license in order to work the job that will permit payment of that child support order.

Removing the Office of Administrative Hearings as the entity that determines whether a license may be suspended and instead requiring the court to make that determination is consistent with the role of the court in determining other aspects of a child support matter

– support amount, modification, contempt, etc. The Judiciary anticipates that these cases will come to court as part of a contempt action that is otherwise already filed against the obligor.

cc. Hon. C. Anthony Muse
Judicial Council
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Kelley O'Connor