

one state is hereby declared to be liable for the support of his wife and any child or children of his under ~~seventeen~~ **EIGHTEEN** years of age and any other dependent residing or found in the same state or in another state having substantially similar or reciprocal laws, and, if possessed of sufficient means or able to earn such means, may be required to pay for their support a fair and reasonable sum according to his means, as may be determined by the court having jurisdiction of the respondent in a proceeding instituted under this Article.

(b) A mother in one state is hereby declared to be liable for the support of her child or children under ~~seventeen~~ **EIGHTEEN** years of age residing or found in the same state or in another state having substantially similar or reciprocal laws, whenever the father of such child or children is dead, or cannot be found, or is incapable of supporting such child or children, and, if she is possessed of sufficient means or able to earn such means, she may be required to pay for the support of such child or children a fair and reasonable sum according to her means, as may be determined by the court having jurisdiction of the respondent in a proceeding instituted under this Article.

(c) The parents in one state are hereby declared to be severally liable for the support of a child ~~seventeen~~ **EIGHTEEN** years of age or older residing or found in the same state or in another state having substantially similar or reciprocal laws, whenever such child is **PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY DISABLED AND** unable to maintain himself and is liable to become a public charge.

(d) A child or children born of parents who, at any time prior or subsequent to the birth of such child, have entered into a civil or religious marriage ceremony, shall be deemed the legitimate child or children of both parents, regardless of the validity of such marriage.

(e) A child or children born of parents who held or hold themselves out as husband and wife by virtue of a common law marriage recognized as valid by the laws of the initiating state, ~~and~~ of the responding state, **OR OF THE STATE IN WHICH THEY SO REPRESENTED THEMSELVES**, shall be deemed the legitimate child or children of both parents.

(f) A woman who was or is held out as his wife by a man by virtue of a common law marriage recognized as valid by the laws of the initiating state and of the responding state shall be deemed the legitimate wife of such man. **OF THE STATE IN WHICH THEY SO REPRESENTED**