

when acting as a responding state shall have the following duties which may be carried out through the clerk of the court, PROBATION OFFICER, PROBATION DEPARTMENT OR OTHER AGENCY OF SAID COURT.

(b) Upon the receipt of a payment made by the ~~re-~~ ~~spondent~~ OBLIGOR pursuant to any order of the court or otherwise, to transmit the same forthwith to the court of the initiating state, and

(c) Upon request to furnish to the court of the initiating state a certified statement of all payments made by the ~~respondent~~ OBLIGOR.

17. *Additional Duty of the Court of This State When Acting as an Initiating State.* The court of this State when acting as an initiating state shall have the duty which may be carried out through the clerk of the court PROBATION OFFICER, PROBATION DEPARTMENT OR OTHER AGENCY OF SAID COURT to receive and disburse forthwith all payments made by the ~~respondent~~ OBLIGOR or transmitted by the court of the responding state.

18. *Evidence of Husband and Wife.* Laws attaching a privilege against the disclosure of communications between husband and wife are inapplicable to proceedings under this Article. Husband and wife are competent witnesses (and may be compelled) to testify to any relevant matter, including marriage and parentage.

19. *Rules of Evidence.* In any hearing under this law, the court shall be bound by the same rules of evidence that bind the said Circuit Court if and when sitting in juvenile causes.

19. RULES OF EVIDENCE. IN ANY HEARING UNDER THIS LAW THE COURT SHALL BE BOUND BY THE SAME RULES OF EVIDENCE THAT BIND THE COURTS OF COMMON LAW JURISDICTION IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

20. *Severability.* If any provision hereof or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Article which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Article are declared to be severable.

21. This Article shall be cited as the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act.