investigation be made prior to withholding by the Comptroller of any refund amount; and providing that any administrative appeal to the Income Maintenance Administration occur after the withholding by the Comptroller.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 88A - Social Services Administration Section 59(e) Annotated Code of Maryland (1979 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

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

Article 88A - Social Services Administration

59.

- (e) (1) The bureau may certify to the Comptroller any person whose court-ordered support obligations are more than 60 days in arrears. The certification may be made annually. The obligor shall be notified of the certification [and the right of immediate appeal to the Income Maintenance Administration in the manner and form prescribed by regulation] AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST AN INVESTIGATION BY THE BUREAU.
- (2) (I) UPON RECEIPT OF A REQUEST FOR AN INVESTIGATION FROM AN OBLIGOR WHO DISPUTES THE EXISTENCE OR AMOUNT OF THE ARREARAGE REPORTED TO THE COMPTROLLER, THE BUREAU SHALL CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE THE CORRECTNESS OF THE CERTIFICATION.
- (II) IF THE BUREAU DETERMINES UPON INVESTIGATION THAT THE CERTIFICATION IS IN ERROR, IT SHALL, AS APPROPRIATE, CORRECT OR WITHDRAW THE CERTIFICATION.
- [(2)] (3) The certification shall include the following information, if known:
- (i) The full name and address of the obligor, and any other names known to be used by that person.
 - (ii) The social security number of the obligor.
- (iii) The amount of accumulated arrearage of the support obligation.
- [(3)] (4) This subsection applies if the obligor is more than 60 days behind in support payments as required by the most recent court order; and
- (i) The State has received an assignment of rights pursuant to § 48(2) of this article; or