

**CHAPTER 337**

**(House Bill 654)**

AN ACT concerning

**Family Law - Child Support - Settlement of Arrearages**

FOR the purpose of establishing that it is in the best interest of the State for the Child Support Enforcement Administration to settle certain child support arrearages if the obligor and the child who is the subject of the support order have resided together for a certain period of time under certain circumstances; providing for the construction of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to child support.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law

Section 10-112

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

**Article - Family Law**

10-112.

(a) (1) If the Administration considers it to be in the best interest of this State, in a case in which an assignment has been made under Article 88A, § 50(b)(2) of the Code, the Administration may accept in full settlement of an arrearage in child support payments an amount that is less than the total arrearage.

(2) On request of the Administration, a court may approve by order an amount that is less than the total arrearage as full settlement of the arrearage.

(b) (1) In a case in which an assignment has been made under Article 88A, § 50(b)(2) of the Code, there is a presumption that it is in the best interest of this State for the Administration to accept in full settlement of an arrearage in child support payments an amount that is less than the total arrearage if:

(i) 1. the obligor, the individual who has made an assignment under Article 88A, § 50(b)(2) of the Code, and the child who is the subject of the support order have resided together for at least the 12 months immediately preceding a request for settlement under this section; OR

2. THE OBLIGOR AND THE CHILD WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE SUPPORT ORDER HAVE RESIDED TOGETHER FOR AT LEAST THE 12 MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING A REQUEST FOR SETTLEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION, AND THE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS MADE AN ASSIGNMENT UNDER ARTICLE 88A, §