

Article - Family Law

SUBTITLE 3. MARYLAND UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT.

PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

10-301. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "CHILD" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, WHETHER OVER OR UNDER THE AGE OF MAJORITY, WHO IS OR IS ALLEGED TO BE OWED A DUTY OF SUPPORT BY THE INDIVIDUAL'S PARENT OR WHO IS OR IS ALLEGED TO BE THE BENEFICIARY OF A SUPPORT ORDER DIRECTED TO THE PARENT.

(C) "CHILD SUPPORT ORDER" MEANS A SUPPORT ORDER FOR A CHILD, INCLUDING A CHILD WHO HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF MAJORITY UNDER THE LAW OF THE ISSUING STATE.

(D) "DUTY OF SUPPORT" MEANS AN OBLIGATION IMPOSED OR IMPOSABLE BY LAW TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR A CHILD, SPOUSE, OR FORMER SPOUSE, INCLUDING AN UNSATISFIED OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE SUPPORT.

(E) "HOME STATE" MEANS THE STATE IN WHICH A CHILD LIVED WITH A PARENT OR A PERSON ACTING AS PARENT FOR AT LEAST 6 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE TIME OF FILING OF A COMPLAINT OR COMPARABLE PLEADING FOR SUPPORT AND, IF A CHILD IS LESS THAN 6 MONTHS OLD, THE STATE IN WHICH THE CHILD LIVED FROM BIRTH WITH ANY OF THEM. A PERIOD OF TEMPORARY ABSENCE OF ANY OF THEM IS COUNTED AS PART OF THE 6-MONTH OR OTHER PERIOD.

(F) "INCOME" INCLUDES EARNINGS OR OTHER PERIODIC ENTITLEMENTS TO MONEY FROM ANY SOURCE AND ANY OTHER PROPERTY SUBJECT TO WITHHOLDING FOR SUPPORT UNDER THE LAW OF THIS STATE.

(G) "INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER" MEANS AN ORDER OR OTHER LEGAL PROCESS DIRECTED TO AN OBLIGOR'S EMPLOYER UNDER SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS TITLE TO WITHHOLD SUPPORT FROM THE INCOME OF THE OBLIGOR.

(H) "INITIATING STATE" MEANS A STATE IN WHICH A PROCEEDING UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR A LAW SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THIS SUBTITLE, THE UNIFORM RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT ACT, OR THE REVISED UNIFORM RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT ACT IS FILED FOR FORWARDING TO A RESPONDING STATE.

(I) "INITIATING TRIBUNAL" MEANS THE AUTHORIZED TRIBUNAL IN AN INITIATING STATE.

(J) "ISSUING STATE" MEANS THE STATE IN WHICH A TRIBUNAL ISSUES A SUPPORT ORDER OR RENDERS A JUDGMENT DETERMINING PARENTAGE.