

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Family Law

10-120.

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

(B) "EARNINGS WITHHOLDING NOTICE" MEANS A NOTICE IN A FORMAT PRESCRIBED BY FEDERAL LAW ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO AN EMPLOYER REQUIRING THE EMPLOYER TO DEDUCT SUPPORT PAYMENTS FROM THE EARNINGS OF AN OBLIGOR.

(C) "EARNINGS WITHHOLDING ORDER" MEANS AN ORDER IN A FORMAT PRESCRIBED BY FEDERAL LAW ISSUED BY A TRIBUNAL TO AN EMPLOYER REQUIRING THE EMPLOYER TO DEDUCT SUPPORT PAYMENTS FROM THE EARNINGS OF AN OBLIGOR.

(D) "SUPPORT" INCLUDES:

(1) CHILD SUPPORT;

(2) SPOUSAL SUPPORT;

(3) NONDIFFERENTIATED CHILD AND SPOUSAL SUPPORT; AND

(4) ANY MEDICAL SUPPORT ORDERED BY THE COURT, INCLUDING CONVERTED FUNDS AS DEFINED IN § 15-122.2 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

(E) "TRIBUNAL" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 10-301(X) OF THIS TITLE.

[10-120.] 10-121.

(a) Any order under this Part III of this subtitle that is passed on or after July 1, 1985 shall constitute an immediate and continuing withholding order on all earnings of the obligor that are due on or after the date of the support order.

(b) (1) Any order under this Part III of this subtitle that is passed before July 1, 1985 shall become an immediate and continuing withholding order on all earnings of the obligor that are due on or after the date of the withholding order on the filing by the recipient or support enforcement agency of:

(i) a motion for a withholding order on the earnings of the obligor;

and

(ii) a current support order.

(2) Notice of the filing of the motion and a statement that the support order constitutes an earnings withholding order subject to the conditions of this Part III of this subtitle shall be sent to the obligor by certified mail, return receipt requested and first class mail, at the last known home address or, if the home address is unknown, the place of employment of the obligor.