

**CHAPTER 118**

**(House Bill 107)**

AN ACT concerning

**Child Support Enforcement - Earnings Withholding**

FOR the purpose of requiring that, when a court orders immediate service of an earnings withholding order, the court order payments through the State disbursement unit; ~~requiring an employer to provide an obligor with a copy of an earnings withholding notice within a certain period after the employer has been served with the notice; repealing the requirement that the Child Support Enforcement Administration send to the obligor certain documents by certified mail under certain circumstances; authorizing a parent or support enforcement agency to use means other than certified mail, as approved by the Administration, to send to the parent's employer a copy of an order to provide health insurance coverage; making certain conforming changes; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to child support enforcement.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law

Section 10-123, ~~10-124, and 12-102(d)(1)~~ 10-128(a), and 10-129(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

**Article - Family Law**

10-123.

(a) Except as otherwise provided for in this section and notwithstanding any other provision of this Part III, a court shall immediately authorize service of an earnings withholding order when:

- (1) (i) a support order or modification of support order is passed on or after April 9, 1991;
- (ii) a case is being enforced by a support enforcement agency; and
- (iii) the recipient or support enforcement agency requests service of an earnings withholding order; or

(2) the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene requests service of an earnings withholding order for court ordered medical support.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, for all child support orders that are initially issued in the State on or after January 1, 1994, regardless of