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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- FULL ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Morales, Potter, Henries, Giraldo, Dawson, and Ajello

Date Introduced: April 12, 2024

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 15-11.1-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 15-11.1 entitled "Full
2 Enforcement of Support Obligations" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **15-11.1-7. Suspension by board — Notice from board.**

4 (a) Upon receipt of the certification of noncompliance from the department issued in
5 accordance with § 15-11.1-6, a board shall:

6 (1) When the license subject to suspension or modification is an operator's license pursuant
7 to § 31-10-1, and when permitted by the CSE system, modify the obligor's license to a "provisional
8 employment operator's license" which would allow the obligor to operate a motor vehicle only
9 during the obligor's designated hours of employment; or

10 (2) ~~suspend~~ Suspend the obligor's license and refuse to issue or reissue a license until the
11 obligor provides the board with a release from the department that states the obligor is in
12 compliance with the obligor's support order. When an obligor who is served notice under § 15-
13 11.1-3 subsequently complies with the court order of support, the department shall within five (5)
14 business days after compliance provide the obligor with written confirmation and a release that the
15 obligor is in compliance with the order. A suspension by a board or modification of an operator's
16 license by the division of motor vehicle or a refusal by a board or the division to reissue, renew, or
17 otherwise extend the license or certificate of authority shall be deemed a final determination for the
18 purposes of chapter 35 of title 42.

1 **(b) For the purposes of this section, a provisional employment operator's license shall mean**
2 **an operator's license issued by the division of motor vehicle to an obligor that allows the obligor to**
3 **operate a motor vehicle solely during designated hours of employment for the purpose of**
4 **transportation relative to employment.**

5 ~~(c)~~ **A** **The** board **or division of motor vehicles** shall notify an obligor certified by the
6 department under § 15-11.1-6, without undue delay, that the obligor's application for the issuance
7 or renewal of a license may not be granted or that the obligor's license has been suspended **or**
8 **modified** because the obligor's name has been certified by the department as a support obligor who
9 is not in compliance with a court order of support.

10 ~~(d)~~ Within five (5) business days of receiving written confirmation that the obligor is in
11 compliance with the court order of support, the board **or division** shall reinstate, reissue, renew or
12 otherwise extend **or modify** the obligor's license or certificate of authority.

13 **(e) The division of motor vehicles is hereby empowered to make any and all rules and**
14 **regulations necessary to effectuate the purpose of this section including the creation and design of**
15 **the provisional employment operator's license.**

16 [See § 12-1-15 of the General Laws.]

17 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow a board to modify an obligor's license to a "Provisional Employment
2 Operator's License" allowing the obligor the ability to operate a motor vehicle during designated
3 hours of employment.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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