

March 4, 2003

**H 202. AMEND CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT LAWS. TO CLARIFY AND ENHANCE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT LAWS.** Makes following changes in laws related to child support. (1) Amends GS 50-13.4(c) to provide that if an arrearage for child support or fees due exists at the time that a child support obligation terminates for any reason, payments are to continue in the same total amount as before. The total amount of these payments is to be applied to the arrearage until all arrearages and fees are satisfied or until further order of the court. (2) Amends GS 93B-13(a) to add new requirement that when an occupational licensing board receives a court order pursuant to GS 50-13.12 (part of child support law) revoking the occupational license of a licensee under its jurisdiction, board is to report the action to state Dep't of Health and Human Services within 30 days. (3) Amends GS 110-132(a) to specify that after 60 days have elapsed, Rule 60 of the NC Rules of Civil Procedure must be used in challenging the execution of an unrescinded affidavit of paternity. (4) Amends GS 110-139(b) to allow the payment history of an obligor pursuant to a support order to be examined by or released to the court, the obligor, or the person (or his or her designee) on whose behalf enforcement actions are being taken. Allows income and expense information of either parent to be released to the other parent to establish or modify a support order. (5) Amends GS 50-13.11(a1) to require court to order the parent of a minor child or other responsible party to maintain health insurance for child's benefit when it becomes available at a reasonable cost, even if it is not presently so available. (6) Adds new GS 110-139.2(b1) allowing the Dep't of Health and Human Services Child Support Agency to notify any financial institution doing business in NC that a person with an account there has a delinquent child support obligation that may be eligible for levy to satisfy some or all of it. To qualify for levy, obligation amount must be at least three months' support or \$500, whichever is less, and obligor must have an identified account with the financial institution. Specifies lien procedure, including notice to obligor with procedure for removing lien by complying with order or contesting action. Agency is to establish review and contest procedures. Obligor has 15 days to respond after date of notice of attachment, before agency notifies financial institution to submit payment to state child support collections office. Levy procedure to be available for direct use by all states' child support programs to NC's financial institutions.

Amendment involving Rules of Civil Procedure ((3) above) becomes effective July 1, 2003. Remainder of act is effective when it becomes law.

**Intro. by Culpepper.**

Ref. to Judiciary IV	GS 50, 93B, 110
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