

HOUSE BILL 1427

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By: **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request - Departmental - Human Resources)**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Child Support - Collection Fee**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Child Support Enforcement Administration to
4 deduct an annual collection fee from child support payments in certain cases;
5 and generally relating to child support enforcement.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Family Law
8 Section 10-110
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

13 **Article - Family Law**

14 10-110.

15 (a) The Administration may:

16 (1) charge an initial application fee of not more than \$25 for support
17 services;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) deduct from the child support payment to defray the cost of
2 providing support enforcement services under:

3 (i) the Income Tax Refund Intercept Program under this
4 subtitle; and

5 (ii) the Federal Treasury Offset Program; [and]

6 (3) collect fees from the obligor to defray the costs of providing support
7 enforcement services; **AND**

8 **(4) DEDUCT FROM CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS AN ANNUAL**
9 **COLLECTION FEE OF \$25 FOR CASES IN WHICH THE FAMILY NEVER RECEIVED**
10 **TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE AND HAS RECEIVED AT LEAST \$500 IN CHILD**
11 **SUPPORT PAYMENTS DURING THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR.**

12 (b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, the Administration
13 may not:

14 (1) collect fees from the child support obligee; or

15 (2) deduct fees from the child support payment.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2007.