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## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/7-702
625 ILCS 5/7-702.2
625 ILCS 5/7-702.3 new
625 ILCS 5/7-703
625 ILCS 5/7-704
625 ILCS 5/7-705
625 ILCS 5/7-705
625 ILCS 5/7-706.1
625 ILCS 5/7-706.2 new
750 ILCS 5/505 from Ch. 40, par. 505
750 ILCS 45/15 from Ch. 40, par. 2515

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the driver's license of a person who is in arrears in child support in the amount of \$40,000 or more shall be suspended until the arrearage is paid; in the interim, the person may receive a restricted family financial responsibility driving permit that allows the person to drive for employment, alcohol or drug treatment, or medical care, at designated times, and on designated routes if the person shows by clear and convincing evidence that no alternative means of transportation are reasonably available. Amends the Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, the Non-Support Payment Act, and the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984 to provide that, if a person has been adjudicated to be in arrears in the amount of \$40,000 or more for child support, the court shall suspend the driver's license of that person until the arrearage is paid and that the court may issue a restricted family financial responsibility driving permit to the person. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing Sections 7-702, 7-702.2, 7-703, 7-704, 7-705, and 7-706.1 and
- by adding Sections 7-702.3, 7-705.2, and 7-706.2 as follows:
- 7 (625 ILCS 5/7-702)
- 8 Sec. 7-702. Suspension of driver's license for failure to 9 pay child support.
  - (a) The Secretary of State shall suspend the driver's license issued to an obligor upon receiving an authenticated report provided for in subsection (a) of Section 7-703, that the person is 90 days or more delinquent in court ordered child support payments or has been adjudicated in arrears in an amount equal to 90 days obligation or more, and has been found in contempt by the court for failure to pay the support.
  - (b) The Secretary of State shall suspend the driver's license issued to an obligor upon receiving an authenticated document provided for in subsection (b) of Section 7-703, that the person has been adjudicated in arrears in court ordered child support payments in an amount equal to 90 days obligation or more, but has not been held in contempt of court, and that the court has ordered that the person's driving privileges be suspended. The obligor's driver's license shall be suspended until such time the Secretary of State as receives authenticated documentation that the obligor is in compliance with the court order of support. When the obligor complies with the court ordered child support payments, the circuit court shall report the obligor's compliance with the court order of support to the Secretary of State, on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State, and shall order that the obligor's driver's license be reinstated.

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1 (c) The Secretary of State shall suspend the driver's 2 license issued to an obligor upon receiving an authenticated document provided for in subsection (c) of Section 7-703 that 3 the person has been adjudicated in arrears in court ordered 5 child support payments in the amount of \$40,000 or more and that the court has ordered that the person's driving privileges 6 be suspended. The obligor's driver's license shall be suspended 7 until such time as the Secretary of State receives 8 9 authenticated documentation that the obligor has paid the entire amount adjudicated by the court in the court's order 10 11 determining that the obligor is in arrears in the amount of 12 \$40,000 or more, and is in compliance with the court order of 13 support. When the obligor pays the amount of the arrearage in full and complies with the court ordered child support 14 payments, the circuit court shall report the obligor's payment 15 16 of the entire amount of the arrearage and the obligor's 17 compliance with the court order of support to the Secretary of State, on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State, and 18 shall order that the obligor's driver's license be reinstated. 19 (Source: P.A. 91-613, eff. 7-1-00.) 20

21 (625 ILCS 5/7-702.2)

Sec. 7-702.2. Written agreement to pay past-due support.

(a) An obligor who is presently unable to pay all past-due support and is subject to having his or her license suspended pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 7-703 may come into compliance with the court order for support by executing a written payment agreement that is approved by the court and by complying with that agreement. However, an obligor who receives a mandatory suspension of his or her driver's license due to a court order that adjudicated the obligor as being in arrears in the amount of \$40,000 or more and who, therefore, is only eligible for a restricted family financial responsibility driving permit shall not be afforded an opportunity to utilize a written agreement described in this Section. A condition of a written payment agreement must be that the obligor pay the

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current child support when due. Before a written payment agreement is executed, the obligor shall:

- (1) Disclose fully to the court in writing, on a form prescribed by the court, the obligor's financial circumstances, including income from all sources, assets, liabilities, and work history for the past year; and
- (2) Provide documentation to the court concerning the obligor's financial circumstances, including copies of the most recent State and federal income tax returns, both personal and business; a copy of a recent pay stub representative of current income; and copies of other records that show the obligor's income and the present level of assets held by the obligor.
- (b) After full disclosure, the court may determine, except

  for an obligor who is only eligible for a restricted family

  financial responsibility driving permit, the obligor's ability

  to pay past-due support and may approve a written payment

  agreement consistent with the obligor's ability to pay, not to

  exceed the court-ordered support.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 91-613, eff. 7-1-00.)
- 21 (625 ILCS 5/7-702.3 new)

22 Sec. 7-702.3. Restricted family financial responsibility 23 driving permits. Following the entry of an order that an obligor has been found to be in arrears in court ordered child 24 support payments in the amount of \$40,000 or more or upon a 25 26 motion by the obligor who is subject to having his or her driver's license suspended pursuant to subsection (c) of 27 Section 7-703, the court may enter an order directing the 28 Secretary of State to issue a restricted family financial 29 30 responsibility driving permit for the purpose of providing the obligor the restricted privilege of operating a motor vehicle 31 between the obligor's residence and place of employment, within 32 the scope of employment related duties, or for the purpose of 33 providing transportation for the obligor to receive alcohol 34 treatment, other drug treatment, or medical care. The court may 35

enter an order directing the issuance of a restricted permit only if the obligor has first proven by clear and convincing evidence that no alternative means of transportation are reasonably available for the above stated purposes. In accordance with 49 C.F.R. Part 384, the Secretary of State may not issue a restricted family financial responsibility driving permit to any person for the operation of a commercial motor vehicle if the person's driving privileges have been suspended

under any provisions of this Code.

Upon entry of an order granting the issuance of a restricted permit to an obligor, the court shall report this finding to the Secretary of State on a form prescribed by the Secretary. This permit shall be valid only for employment and medical purposes as set forth in this Section. The restricted permit shall state the days and hours for which limited driving privileges have been granted in detail, including, but not limited to, the precise limits of the restricted permit by purpose, day of the week, times of permitted driving on each day, route to be traveled each day and for each purpose, and return route, if different than the original route.

The restricted family financial responsibility driving permit shall be subject to cancellation, invalidation, suspension, and revocation by the Secretary of State in the same manner and for the same reasons as a driver's license may be cancelled, invalidated, suspended, or revoked.

The Secretary of State shall, upon receipt of a certified court order from the court of jurisdiction, issue a restricted financial responsibility driving permit. In order for this restricted permit to be issued, an individual's driving privileges must be valid except for the restricted family financial responsibility suspension. This permit shall be valid only for employment and medical purposes as set forth in this Section.

Any submitted court order that contains insufficient data or fails to comply with any provision of this Code shall not be used for issuance of the restricted permit or entered into the

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- 1 <u>individual's driving record, but shall be returned to the court</u>
- of jurisdiction indicating why the restricted permit cannot be
- 3 <u>issued</u> at that time. The Secretary of State shall also send
- 4 <u>notice of the return of the court order to the individual</u>
- 5 <u>requesting the restricted permit.</u>
- 6 (625 ILCS 5/7-703)
- Sec. 7-703. Courts to report non-payment of court ordered support.
- The clerk of the circuit court, as provided in 9 subsection (b) of Section 505 of the Illinois Marriage and 10 11 Dissolution of Marriage Act or as provided in Section 15 of the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984, shall forward to the Secretary 12 13 State, on a form prescribed by the Secretary, 14 authenticated document certifying the court's order suspending 15 the driving privileges of the obligor. For any such certification, the clerk of the court shall charge the obligor 16

a fee of \$5 as provided in the Clerks of Courts Act.

- (b) If an obligor has been adjudicated in arrears in court ordered child support payments in an amount equal to 90 days obligation or more but has not been held in contempt of court, the circuit court may order that the obligor's driving privileges be suspended. If the circuit court orders that the obligor's driving privileges be suspended, it shall forward to the Secretary of State, on a form prescribed by the Secretary, an authenticated document certifying the court's order suspending the driving privileges of the obligor. The authenticated document shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State by the court no later than 45 days after entry of the order suspending the obligor's driving privileges.
  - (c) If an obligor has been adjudicated in arrears in court ordered child support payments in the amount of \$40,000 or more, the circuit court shall order that the obligor's driving privileges be suspended. The obligor's driver's license shall be suspended until such time as the Secretary of State receives authenticated documentation that the obligor has paid the

- 1 <u>entire amount adjudicated by the court and is in compliance</u>
- 2 <u>with the court order of support. The circuit court shall</u>
- 3 forward to the Secretary of State, on a form prescribed by the
- 4 <u>Secretary</u>, an authenticated document certifying the court's
- 5 <u>order suspending the driving privileges of the obligor. The</u>
- 6 <u>authenticated document shall be forwarded to the Secretary of</u>
- 7 State by the court no later than 35 days after entry of the
- 8 order suspending the obligor's driving privileges.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 91-613, eff. 7-1-00.)
- 10 (625 ILCS 5/7-704)
- 11 Sec. 7-704. Suspension to continue until compliance with
- 12 court order of support.
- 13 (a) The suspension of a driver's license shall remain in
- 14 effect unless and until the Secretary of State receives
- 15 authenticated documentation that the obligor is in compliance
- 16 with a court order of support or that the order has been stayed
- 17 by a subsequent order of the court. Full driving privileges
- 18 shall not be issued by the Secretary of State until
- 19 notification of compliance has been received from the court.
- 20 The circuit clerks shall report the obligor's compliance with a
- 21 court order of support to the Secretary of State, on a form
- 22 prescribed by the Secretary.
- 23 (b) Whenever, after one suspension of an individual's
- 24 driver's license for failure to pay child support, another
- order of non-payment is entered against the obligor and the
- 26 person fails to come into compliance with the court order of
- 27 support, then the Secretary shall again suspend the driver's
- 28 license of the individual and that suspension shall not be
- removed unless the obligor is in full compliance with the court
- order of support and has made full payment on all arrearages.
- 31 <u>(c) When an obligor's driver's license is suspended due to</u>
- 32 <u>a court order that adjudicated the obligor as being in arrears</u>
- in the amount of \$40,000 or more, the suspension shall remain
- in effect unless and until the Secretary of State receives
- 35 <u>authenticated documentation of a court order that finds that</u>

1 the obligor is in full compliance with the court order of 2 support and has made full payment on all arrearages. Full driving privileges shall not be issued by the Secretary of 3 State until notification of compliance has been received from 4 5 the court in the form of authenticated documentation of a court order that finds that the obligor is in full compliance with 6 the court order of support and has made full payment on all 7 arrearages. The circuit clerk shall report, when the court so 8 finds, that the obligor is in complete compliance with a court 9 order to pay the entire arrearage, and that the obligor is in 10 11 full compliance with the court order of support, on a form 12 prescribed by the Secretary.

- 13 (Source: P.A. 89-92, eff. 7-1-96.)
- 14 (625 ILCS 5/7-705)
- 15 Sec. 7-705. Notice.

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- (a) The Secretary of State, prior to suspending a driver's license under this Chapter, shall serve written notice upon an obligor that the individual's driver's license will be suspended in 60 days from the date on the notice unless the obligor satisfies the court order of support and the circuit clerk notifies the Secretary of State of this compliance.
- (b) The Secretary of State, prior to suspending a driver's 22 license due to a court order that adjudicated the obligor as 23 being in arrears in the amount of \$40,000 or more, shall serve 24 written notice upon an obligor that the individual's driver's 25 26 license will be suspended in 21 days from the date on the 27 notice unless the obligor completely satisfies the court order of support, including full payment of all arrearages, and the 28 circuit clerk notifies the Secretary of State of this 29 30 compliance, on a form prescribed by the Secretary.

(Source: P.A. 89-92, eff. 7-1-96.)

- 32 (625 ILCS 5/7-705.2 new)
- 33 <u>Sec. 7-705.2. Notice of noncompliance with support order</u> 34 <u>for payment of an arrearage of \$40,000 or more. Before</u>

1	forwarding to the Secretary of State the authenticated document
2	under subsection (c) of Section 7-703, the circuit court must
3	serve notice upon the obligor of its intention to suspend the
4	obligor's driver's license for being adjudicated in arrears in
5	court ordered child support payments in the amount of \$40,000
6	or more. The notice must inform the obligor that:
7	(a) The obligor may contest the issue of compliance at a
8	hearing;
9	(b) A request for a hearing must be made in writing and
10	must be received by the clerk of the circuit court;
11	(c) If the obligor does not request a hearing to contest
12	the issue of compliance within 15 days after the notice of
13	noncompliance is mailed, the court may order that the obligor's
14	driver's license be suspended as provided for in subsection (c)
15	of Section 7-703;
16	(d) If the circuit court certifies the obligor to the
17	Secretary of State for noncompliance with an order of support,
18	the Secretary of State must suspend any driver's license or
19	instruction permit the obligor holds and the obligor's right to
20	apply for or obtain a driver's license or instruction permit
21	until the obligor comes into compliance with the order of
22	support;
23	(e) If the obligor files a motion to modify support with
24	the court or requests the court to modify a support obligation,
25	the circuit court may not stay the action to certify the
26	obligor to the Secretary of State for noncompliance with an
27	order of support, unless the obligor provides evidence to the
28	court that the obligor is likely to prevail on the merits of
29	motion to modify a support obligation; and
30	(f) The obligor may comply with an order of support by
31	doing all of the following:
32	(1) Paying the current support;
33	(2) Paying all past-due support and all arrearages; and
34	(3) Meeting any obligation under court order to provide
35	health insurance.
36	The notice must include the address and telephone number of

- 1 the clerk of the circuit court. The clerk of the circuit court
- 2 shall attach to the notice a copy of the obligor's order of
- 3 <u>support and any order adjudicating an arrearage in the amount</u>
- of \$40,000 or more. The notice must be served by certified
- 5 mail, return receipt requested, by service in hand, or as
- 6 specified in the Code of Civil Procedure.
- 7 (625 ILCS 5/7-706.1)
- 8 Sec. 7-706.1. Hearing for compliance with support order.
- 9 (a) An obligor may request in writing to the clerk of the
- 10 circuit court a hearing to contest the claim of noncompliance
- 11 with an order of support and his or her subsequent driver's
- 12 license suspension under subsection (b) of Section 7-702.
- 13 (b) If a written request for a hearing is received by the
- 14 clerk of the circuit court, the clerk of the circuit court
- shall set the hearing before the circuit court.
- 16 (c) Upon the obligor's written request, the court must set
- 17 a date for a hearing and afford the obligor an opportunity for
- 18 a hearing as early as practical.
- 19 (d) The scope of this hearing is limited to the following
- 20 issues:
- 21 (1) Whether the obligor is required to pay child
- support under an order of support.
- 23 (2) Whether the obligor has been adjudicated in arrears
- in court ordered child support payments in an amount equal
- 25 to 90 days obligation or more; however, if an authenticated
- document of a court order of support indicates that the
- obligor has been adjudicated in arrears in the amount of
- 28 \$40,000 or more, then the issue is limited to whether the
- obligor has been adjudicated in arrears in the amount of
- 30 \$40,000 or more.
- 31 (3) Any additional issues raised by the obligor,
- including the reasonableness of a payment agreement in
- 33 light of the obligor's current financial circumstances, to
- 34 be preserved for appeal. <u>If an authenticated document of a</u>
- 35 <u>court order of support indicates that the obligor has been</u>

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- adjudicated in arrears in the amount of \$40,000 or more,

  any additional issues raised by the obligor may not include

  the reasonableness of a payment agreement in light of the

  obligor's current financial circumstances.
  - (e) All hearings and hearing procedures shall comply with requirements of the Illinois Constitution and the United States Constitution, so that no person is deprived of due process of law nor denied equal protection of the laws. All hearings shall be held before a judge of the circuit court in the county in which the support order has been entered. Appropriate records of the hearings shall be kept. Where a transcript of the hearing is taken, the person requesting the hearing shall have the opportunity to order a copy of the transcript at his or her own expense.
- 15 (f) The action of the circuit court resulting in the 16 suspension of any driver's license shall be a final judgment 17 for purposes of appellate review.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 91-613, eff. 7-1-00.)
- 19 (625 ILCS 5/7-706.2 new)

Sec. 7-706.2. Administrative hearing. A driver may contest 20 a suspension under subsection (c) of Section 7-703 by 21 requesting an administrative hearing in accordance with 22 Section 2-118 of this Code. If a written request for this 23 hearing is received before the effective date of the 24 25 suspension, the suspension may be stayed, for good cause shown 26 by clear and convincing evidence, but the suspension may be stayed only once and for a period of no more than 14 days. If a 27 stay of the suspension is granted, no other stays shall be 28 29 granted until a hearing decision is entered. At the conclusion 30 of this hearing, the Secretary of State may rescind or impose the driver's license suspension. If the suspension is upheld, 31 it shall become effective 3 days from the date the hearing 32 decision is entered. If the decision is to rescind the 33 suspension, no suspension of driving privileges shall be 34 entered. The scope of this hearing shall be limited to the 35

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following issues:
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- 2 <u>(a) Whether the driver is the obligor covered by the court</u> 3 order of support.
- (b) Whether the authenticated document of a court order of

  support indicates that the obligor has been adjudicated in

  arrears in the amount of \$40,000 or more.
- 7 (c) Whether a superseding authenticated document of any
  8 court order of support or adjudicating the arrearage amount to
  9 be less than \$40,000 has been entered.
- Section 10. The Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act is amended by changing Section 505 as follows:
- 12 (750 ILCS 5/505) (from Ch. 40, par. 505)
- Sec. 505. Child support; contempt; penalties.
- 14 (a) In a proceeding for dissolution of marriage, legal 15 separation, declaration of invalidity of marriage, proceeding for child support following dissolution of the 16 17 marriage by a court which lacked personal jurisdiction over the 18 absent spouse, a proceeding for modification of a previous order for child support under Section 510 of this Act, or any 19 proceeding authorized under Section 501 or 601 of this Act, the 20 21 court may order either or both parents owing a duty of support to a child of the marriage to pay an amount reasonable and 22 23 necessary for his support, without regard to marital 24 misconduct. The duty of support owed to a child includes the 25 obligation to provide for the reasonable and necessary physical, mental and emotional health needs of the child. For 26 27 purposes of this Section, the term "child" shall include any 28 child under age 18 and any child under age 19 who is still 29 attending high school.
  - (1) The Court shall determine the minimum amount of support by using the following guidelines:
- Number of Children Percent of Supporting Party's
- Net Income
- 34 1 20%

1	2 28%
2	3 32%
3	4 40%
4	5 45%
5	6 or more 50%
6	(2) The above guidelines shall be applied in each case
7	unless the court makes a finding that application of the
8	guidelines would be inappropriate, after considering the
9	best interests of the child in light of evidence including
10	but not limited to one or more of the following relevant
11	factors:
12	(a) the financial resources and needs of the child;
13	(b) the financial resources and needs of the
14	custodial parent;
15	(c) the standard of living the child would have
16	enjoyed had the marriage not been dissolved;
17	(d) the physical and emotional condition of the
18	child, and his educational needs; and
19	(e) the financial resources and needs of the
20	non-custodial parent.
21	If the court deviates from the guidelines, the court's
22	finding shall state the amount of support that would have
23	been required under the guidelines, if determinable. The
24	court shall include the reason or reasons for the variance
25	from the guidelines.
26	(3) "Net income" is defined as the total of all income
27	from all sources, minus the following deductions:
28	(a) Federal income tax (properly calculated
29	withholding or estimated payments);
30	(b) State income tax (properly calculated
31	withholding or estimated payments);
32	(c) Social Security (FICA payments);
33	(d) Mandatory retirement contributions required by
34	law or as a condition of employment;
35	(e) Union dues;
36	(f) Dependent and individual

health/hospitalization insurance premiums;

- (g) Prior obligations of support or maintenance actually paid pursuant to a court order;
- (h) Expenditures for repayment of debts that represent reasonable and necessary expenses for the production of income, medical expenditures necessary to preserve life or health, reasonable expenditures for the benefit of the child and the other parent, exclusive of gifts. The court shall reduce net income in determining the minimum amount of support to be ordered only for the period that such payments are due and shall enter an order containing provisions for its self-executing modification upon termination of such payment period.
- (4) In cases where the court order provides for health/hospitalization insurance coverage pursuant to Section 505.2 of this Act, the premiums for that insurance, or that portion of the premiums for which the supporting party is responsible in the case of insurance provided through an employer's health insurance plan where the employer pays a portion of the premiums, shall be subtracted from net income in determining the minimum amount of support to be ordered.
- (4.5) In a proceeding for child support following dissolution of the marriage by a court that lacked personal jurisdiction over the absent spouse, and in which the court is requiring payment of support for the period before the date an order for current support is entered, there is a rebuttable presumption that the supporting party's net income for the prior period was the same as his or her net income at the time the order for current support is entered.
- (5) If the net income cannot be determined because of default or any other reason, the court shall order support in an amount considered reasonable in the particular case. The final order in all cases shall state the support level

in dollar amounts. However, if the court finds that the child support amount cannot be expressed exclusively as a dollar amount because all or a portion of the payor's net income is uncertain as to source, time of payment, or amount, the court may order a percentage amount of support in addition to a specific dollar amount and enter such other orders as may be necessary to determine and enforce, on a timely basis, the applicable support ordered.

- with a request for discovery of financial information relating to the non-custodial parent's ability to provide child support, (ii) the non-custodial parent failed to comply with the request, despite having been ordered to do so by the court, and (iii) the non-custodial parent is not present at the hearing to determine support despite having received proper notice, then any relevant financial information concerning the non-custodial parent's ability to provide child support that was obtained pursuant to subpoena and proper notice shall be admitted into evidence without the need to establish any further foundation for its admission.
- (a-5) In an action to enforce an order for support based on the respondent's failure to make support payments as required by the order, notice of proceedings to hold the respondent in contempt for that failure may be served on the respondent by personal service or by regular mail addressed to the respondent's last known address. The respondent's last known address may be determined from records of the clerk of the court, from the Federal Case Registry of Child Support Orders, or by any other reasonable means.
- (b) Failure of either parent to comply with an order to pay support shall be punishable as in other cases of contempt. In addition to other penalties provided by law the Court may, after finding the parent guilty of contempt, order that the parent be:
  - (1) placed on probation with such conditions of

probation as the Court deems advisable;

- (2) sentenced to periodic imprisonment for a period not to exceed 6 months; provided, however, that the Court may permit the parent to be released for periods of time during the day or night to:
  - (A) work; or
- (B) conduct a business or other self-employed occupation.

The Court may further order any part or all of the earnings of a parent during a sentence of periodic imprisonment paid to the Clerk of the Circuit Court or to the parent having custody or to the guardian having custody of the children of the sentenced parent for the support of said children until further order of the Court.

If there is a unity of interest and ownership sufficient to render no financial separation between a non-custodial parent and another person or persons or business entity, the court may pierce the ownership veil of the person, persons, or business entity to discover assets of the non-custodial parent held in the name of that person, those persons, or that business entity. The following circumstances are sufficient to authorize a court to order discovery of the assets of a person, persons, or business entity and to compel the application of any discovered assets toward payment on the judgment for support:

- (1) the non-custodial parent and the person, persons, or business entity maintain records together.
- (2) the non-custodial parent and the person, persons, or business entity fail to maintain an arms length relationship between themselves with regard to any assets.
- (3) the non-custodial parent transfers assets to the person, persons, or business entity with the intent to perpetrate a fraud on the custodial parent.

With respect to assets which are real property, no order entered under this paragraph shall affect the rights of bona fide purchasers, mortgagees, judgment creditors, or other lien

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holders who acquire their interests in the property prior to the time a notice of lis pendens pursuant to the Code of Civil Procedure or a copy of the order is placed of record in the office of the recorder of deeds for the county in which the real property is located.

The court may also order in cases where the parent is 90 days or more delinquent in payment of support or has been adjudicated in arrears in an amount equal to 90 days obligation or more, that the parent's Illinois driving privileges be suspended until the court determines that the parent is in compliance with the order of support. The court may also order that the parent be issued a family financial responsibility driving permit that would allow limited driving privileges for employment and medical purposes in accordance with Section 7-702.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. The clerk of the circuit court shall certify the order suspending the driving privileges of the parent or granting the issuance of a family financial responsibility driving permit to the Secretary of State on forms prescribed by the Secretary. Upon receipt of the authenticated documents, the Secretary of State shall suspend the parent's driving privileges until further order of the court and shall, if ordered by the court, subject to the provisions of Section 7-702.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, issue a family financial responsibility driving permit to the parent.

If the parent has been adjudicated in arrears in the amount of \$40,000 or more, the court shall order that the parent's Illinois driving privileges be suspended until the court determines that the parent is in compliance with the order of support. The court may also order that the parent be issued a restricted family financial responsibility driving permit that would allow restricted driving privileges for employment and medical purposes in accordance with Section 7-702.3 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. However, the court may enter an order directing the issuance of a restricted permit only if the parent first proves by clear and convincing evidence that no

alternative means of transportation are reasonably available for the above stated purposes. The clerk of the circuit court shall certify the order suspending the driving privileges of the parent or granting the issuance of a restricted family financial responsibility driving permit to the Secretary of State on forms prescribed by the Secretary. Upon receipt of the authenticated documents, the Secretary of State shall suspend the parent's driving privileges until further order of the court and shall, if ordered by the court, subject to the provisions of Section 7-702.3 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, issue a restricted family financial responsibility driving permit to the parent.

In addition to the penalties or punishment that may be imposed under this Section, any person whose conduct constitutes a violation of Section 15 of the Non-Support Punishment Act may be prosecuted under that Act, and a person convicted under that Act may be sentenced in accordance with that Act. The sentence may include but need not be limited to a requirement that the person perform community service under Section 50 of that Act or participate in a work alternative program under Section 50 of that Act. A person may not be required to participate in a work alternative program under Section 50 of that Act if the person is currently participating in a work program pursuant to Section 505.1 of this Act.

A support obligation, or any portion of a support obligation, which becomes due and remains unpaid as of the end of each month, excluding the child support that was due for that month to the extent that it was not paid in that month, shall accrue simple interest as set forth in Section 12-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure. An order for support entered or modified on or after January 1, 2006 shall contain a statement that a support obligation required under the order, or any portion of a support obligation required under the order, that becomes due and remains unpaid as of the end of each month, excluding the child support that was due for that month to the extent that it was not paid in that month, shall accrue simple

- interest as set forth in Section 12-109 of the Code of Civil
  Procedure. Failure to include the statement in the order for
  support does not affect the validity of the order or the
  accrual of interest as provided in this Section.
  - (c) A one-time charge of 20% is imposable upon the amount of past-due child support owed on July 1, 1988 which has accrued under a support order entered by the court. The charge shall be imposed in accordance with the provisions of Section 10-21 of the Illinois Public Aid Code and shall be enforced by the court upon petition.
  - (d) Any new or existing support order entered by the court under this Section shall be deemed to be a series of judgments against the person obligated to pay support thereunder, each such judgment to be in the amount of each payment or installment of support and each such judgment to be deemed entered as of the date the corresponding payment or installment becomes due under the terms of the support order. Each such judgment shall have the full force, effect and attributes of any other judgment of this State, including the ability to be enforced. A lien arises by operation of law against the real and personal property of the noncustodial parent for each installment of overdue support owed by the noncustodial parent.
  - (e) When child support is to be paid through the clerk of the court in a county of 1,000,000 inhabitants or less, the order shall direct the obligor to pay to the clerk, in addition to the child support payments, all fees imposed by the county board under paragraph (3) of subsection (u) of Section 27.1 of the Clerks of Courts Act. Unless paid in cash or pursuant to an order for withholding, the payment of the fee shall be by a separate instrument from the support payment and shall be made to the order of the Clerk.
  - (f) All orders for support, when entered or modified, shall include a provision requiring the obligor to notify the court and, in cases in which a party is receiving child and spouse services under Article X of the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Illinois Department of Public Aid, within 7 days, (i) of the

name and address of any new employer of the obligor, (ii) whether the obligor has access to health insurance coverage through the employer or other group coverage and, if so, the policy name and number and the names of persons covered under the policy, and (iii) of any new residential or mailing address or telephone number of the non-custodial parent. In any subsequent action to enforce a support order, upon a sufficient showing that a diligent effort has been made to ascertain the location of the non-custodial parent, service of process or provision of notice necessary in the case may be made at the last known address of the non-custodial parent in any manner expressly provided by the Code of Civil Procedure or this Act, which service shall be sufficient for purposes of due process.

- (g) An order for support shall include a date on which the current support obligation terminates. The termination date shall be no earlier than the date on which the child covered by the order will attain the age of 18. However, if the child will not graduate from high school until after attaining the age of 18, then the termination date shall be no earlier than the earlier of the date on which the child's high school graduation will occur or the date on which the child will attain the age of 19. The order for support shall state that the termination date does not apply to any arrearage that may remain unpaid on that date. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the court from modifying the order or terminating the order in the event the child is otherwise emancipated.
- (g-5) If there is an unpaid arrearage or delinquency (as those terms are defined in the Income Withholding for Support Act) equal to at least one month's support obligation on the termination date stated in the order for support or, if there is no termination date stated in the order, on the date the child attains the age of majority or is otherwise emancipated, the periodic amount required to be paid for current support of that child immediately prior to that date shall automatically continue to be an obligation, not as current support but as periodic payment toward satisfaction of the unpaid arrearage or

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delinquency. That periodic payment shall be in addition to any periodic payment previously required for satisfaction of the arrearage or delinquency. The total periodic amount to be paid toward satisfaction of the arrearage or delinquency may be enforced and collected by any method provided by law for enforcement and collection of child support, including but not limited to income withholding under the Income Withholding for Support Act. Each order for support entered or modified on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly must contain a statement notifying the parties of the requirements of this subsection. Failure to include the statement in the order for support does not affect the validity of the order or the operation of the provisions of this subsection with regard to the order. This subsection shall not be construed to prevent or affect the establishment or modification of an order for support of a minor child or the establishment or modification of an order for support of a non-minor child or educational expenses under Section 513 of this Act.

(h) An order entered under this Section shall include a provision requiring the obligor to report to the obligee and to the clerk of court within 10 days each time the obligor obtains new employment, and each time the obligor's employment is terminated for any reason. The report shall be in writing and shall, in the case of new employment, include the name and address of the new employer. Failure to report new employment or the termination of current employment, if coupled with nonpayment of support for a period in excess of 60 days, is indirect criminal contempt. For any obligor arrested for failure to report new employment bond shall be set in the amount of the child support that should have been paid during the period of unreported employment. An order entered under this Section shall also include a provision requiring the obligor and obligee parents to advise each other of a change in residence within 5 days of the change except when the court finds that the physical, mental, or emotional health of a party

- 1 or that of a child, or both, would be seriously endangered by
- 2 disclosure of the party's address.
- (i) The court does not lose the powers of contempt, 3
- 4 suspension, or driver's license other child support
- 5 enforcement mechanisms, including, but not limited to,
- 6 criminal prosecution as set forth in this Act, upon the
- emancipation of the minor child or children. 7
- (Source: P.A. 93-148, eff. 7-10-03; 93-1061, eff. 1-1-05; 8
- 94-90, eff. 1-1-06.) 9
- 10 Section 15. The Non Support Punishment Act is amended by
- 11 changing Section 50 as follows:
- 12 (750 ILCS 16/50)
- 13 Sec. 50. Community service; work alternative program;
- 14 driving privileges.

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- 15 (a) In addition to any other penalties imposed against an
- offender under this Act, the court may order the offender to 16
- 17 perform community service for not less than 30 and not more
- 18 than 120 hours per month, if community service is available in
- the jurisdiction and is funded and approved by the county board 19
- of the county where the offense was committed. In addition, 20
- whenever any person is placed on supervision for committing an

offense under this Act, the supervision shall be conditioned on

- 23 the performance of the community service.
- 24 (b) In addition to any other penalties imposed against an
- 25 offender under this Act, the court may sentence the offender to
- 26 service in a work alternative program administered by the
- 27 sheriff. The conditions of the program are that the offender
- 28 obtain or retain employment and participate in a work
- 29 alternative program administered by the sheriff during
- 30 non-working hours. A person may not be required to participate
- in a work alternative program under this subsection if the

person is currently participating in a work program pursuant to

- another provision of this Act, Section 10-11.1 of the Illinois 33
- Public Aid Code, Section 505.1 of the Illinois Marriage and 34

Dissolution of Marriage Act, or Section 15.1 of the Illinois
Parentage Act of 1984.

(c) In addition to any other penalties imposed against an offender under this Act, the court may order, in cases where the offender has been in violation of this Act for 90 days or more, that the offender's Illinois driving privileges be suspended until the court determines that the offender is in compliance with this Act.

The court may determine that the offender is in compliance with this Act if the offender has agreed (i) to pay all required amounts of support and maintenance as determined by the court or (ii) to the garnishment of his or her income for the purpose of paying those amounts.

The court may also order that the offender be issued a family financial responsibility driving permit that would allow limited driving privileges for employment and medical purposes in accordance with Section 7-702.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. The clerk of the circuit court shall certify the order suspending the driving privileges of the offender or granting the issuance of a family financial responsibility driving permit to the Secretary of State on forms prescribed by the Secretary. Upon receipt of the authenticated documents, the Secretary of State shall suspend the offender's driving privileges until further order of the court and shall, if ordered by the court, subject to the provisions of Section 7-702.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, issue a family financial responsibility driving permit to the offender.

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- 12 (d) If the court determines that the offender has been in 13 violation of this Act for more than 60 days, the court may determine whether the offender has applied for or been issued a 14 professional license by the Department of Professional 15 16 Regulation or another licensing agency. If the court determines 17 that the offender has applied for or been issued such a the court may certify to 18 the Department 19 Professional Regulation or other licensing agency that the 20 offender has been in violation of this Act for more than 60 that the Department or other agency may take 21 appropriate steps with respect to the license or application as 22 23 provided in Section 10-65 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and Section 2105-15 of the Department of 24 Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of 25 26 Illinois. The court may take the actions required under this 27 subsection in addition to imposing any other penalty authorized 28 under this Act.
- 29 (Source: P.A. 91-613, eff. 10-1-99; 92-651, eff. 7-11-02.)
- 30 Section 20. The Illinois Parentage Act of 1984 is amended 31 by changing Section 15 as follows:
- 32 (750 ILCS 45/15) (from Ch. 40, par. 2515)
- 33 Sec. 15. Enforcement of Judgment or Order.
- 34 (a) If existence of the parent and child relationship is

declared, or paternity or duty of support has been established under this Act or under prior law or under the law of any other jurisdiction, the judgment rendered thereunder may be enforced in the same or other proceedings by any party or any person or agency that has furnished or may furnish financial assistance or services to the child. The Income Withholding for Support Act and Sections 14 and 16 of this Act shall also be applicable with respect to entry, modification and enforcement of any support judgment entered under provisions of the "Paternity Act", approved July 5, 1957, as amended, repealed July 1, 1985.

- (b) Failure to comply with any order of the court shall be punishable as contempt as in other cases of failure to comply under the "Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act", as now or hereafter amended. In addition to other penalties provided by law, the court may, after finding the party guilty of contempt, order that the party be:
  - (1) Placed on probation with such conditions of probation as the court deems advisable;
  - (2) Sentenced to periodic imprisonment for a period not to exceed 6 months. However, the court may permit the party to be released for periods of time during the day or night to work or conduct business or other self-employed occupation. The court may further order any part of all the earnings of a party during a sentence of periodic imprisonment to be paid to the Clerk of the Circuit Court or to the person or parent having custody of the minor child for the support of said child until further order of the court.
  - (2.5) The court may also pierce the ownership veil of a person, persons, or business entity to discover assets of a non-custodial parent held in the name of that person, those persons, or that business entity if there is a unity of interest and ownership sufficient to render no financial separation between the non-custodial parent and that person, those persons, or the business entity. The following circumstances are sufficient for a court to order

discovery of the assets of a person, persons, or business entity and to compel the application of any discovered assets toward payment on the judgment for support:

- (A) the non-custodial parent and the person, persons, or business entity maintain records together.
- (B) the non-custodial parent and the person, persons, or business entity fail to maintain an arms length relationship between themselves with regard to any assets.
- (C) the non-custodial parent transfers assets to the person, persons, or business entity with the intent to perpetrate a fraud on the custodial parent.

With respect to assets which are real property, no order entered under this subdivision (2.5) shall affect the rights of bona fide purchasers, mortgagees, judgment creditors, or other lien holders who acquire their interests in the property prior to the time a notice of lis pendens pursuant to the Code of Civil Procedure or a copy of the order is placed of record in the office of the recorder of deeds for the county in which the real property is located.

(3) The court may also order that in cases where the party is 90 days or more delinquent in payment of support or has been adjudicated in arrears in an amount equal to 90 days obligation or more, that the party's Illinois driving privileges be suspended until the court determines that the party is in compliance with the judgement or duty of support. The court may also order that the parent be issued a family financial responsibility driving permit that would allow limited driving privileges for employment and medical purposes in accordance with Section 7-702.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. The clerk of the circuit court shall certify the order suspending the driving privileges of the parent or granting the issuance of a family financial responsibility driving permit to the Secretary of State on forms prescribed by the Secretary. Upon receipt of the

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- 1 requirement that the person perform community service under
- 2 Section 50 of that Act or participate in a work alternative
- 3 program under Section 50 of that Act. A person may not be
- 4 required to participate in a work alternative program under
- 5 Section 50 of that Act if the person is currently participating
- in a work program pursuant to Section 15.1 of this Act.
- 7 (c) In any post-judgment proceeding to enforce or modify
- 8 the judgment the parties shall continue to be designated as in
- 9 the original proceeding.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99; 92-16, eff. 6-28-01.)
- 11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 12 becoming law.