

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 970

To amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to prohibit States from charging child support recipients for the collection of child support.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Elimination of Single
5 Parent Tax Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON STATES FROM CHARGING CHILD**
7 **SUPPORT RECIPIENTS FOR THE COLLECTION**
8 **OF CHILD SUPPORT.**

9 Section 454(6)(B)(ii) of the Social Security Act (42
10 U.S.C. 654(6)(B)(ii)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “retained by the State from sup-
 2 port collected on behalf of the individual (but not
 3 from the first \$500 so collected), paid by the indi-
 4 vidual applying for the services,”; and

5 (2) by striking the comma after “absent par-
 6 ent”.

7 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

8 Section 457(a)(4) of the Social Security Act (42
 9 U.S.C. 657(a)(4)) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “the portion of”; and

11 (2) by striking “that remains after withholding
 12 any fee pursuant to section 454(6)(B)(ii)”.

13 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in
 15 subsection (b), each amendment made by this Act shall
 16 take effect on October 1, 2013, and shall apply to pay-
 17 ments under part D of title IV of the Social Security Act
 18 for quarters beginning on or after such date.

19 (b) DELAY PERMITTED IF STATE LEGISLATION RE-
 20 QUIRED.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Until the date described in
 22 paragraph (2), a qualified State plan shall not be re-
 23 garded as failing to comply with part D of title IV
 24 of the Social Security Act, solely by reason of the

1 plan failing to comply with the additional require-
2 ments imposed by reason of this Act.

3 (2) DATE DESCRIBED.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The date described in
5 this paragraph is the first day of the first cal-
6 endar quarter that begins after the close of the
7 first regular session of the State legislature that
8 ends after the effective date of this Act.

9 (B) SPECIAL RULE.—For purposes of sub-
10 paragraph (A), in the case of a State that has
11 a 2-year legislative session, each year of the ses-
12 sion is deemed to be a separate regular session
13 of the State legislature.

14 (3) QUALIFIED STATE PLAN.—In paragraph
15 (1), the term “qualified State plan” means a State
16 plan, approved under part D of title IV of the Social
17 Security Act, which the Secretary of Health and
18 Human Services determines will require State legis-
19 lation (other than legislation appropriating funds) in
20 order for the plan to meet the additional require-
21 ments imposed by reason of this Act.

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