

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 458

AN ACT

To repeal section 454.1005, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to child support enforcement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section A. Section 454.1005, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 454.1005, to read as follows:

454.1005. 1. To show cause why suspension of a license may not be appropriate, the obligor shall request a hearing from the court or division that issued the notice of intent to suspend the license. The request shall be made within sixty days of the date of service of notice.

2. If an obligor fails to respond, without good cause, to a notice of intent to suspend a license[,] or to timely request a hearing or comply with a payment plan, [the obligor's defenses and objections shall be considered to be without merit and] the court or director may enter an order suspending the obligor's license and ordering the obligor to refrain from engaging in the licensed activity.

3. Due process requires that, upon timely receipt of a request for hearing from an obligor, the court or director shall schedule a hearing that complies with due process to determine if suspension of the obligor's license is appropriate considering

all relevant factors. The court or director shall stay suspension of the license pending the outcome of the hearing.

4. [If the action involves an arrearage, the only issues that may be determined in a hearing pursuant to this section are] In determining whether the license suspension is appropriate under the circumstances, the court or director shall consider and issue written findings of fact and conclusions of law within thirty days following the hearing regarding the following:

(1) The identity of the obligor;

(2) Whether the arrearage is in an amount greater than or equal to three months of support payments or two thousand five hundred dollars, whichever is less, by the date of service of a notice of intent to suspend; [and]

(3) Whether the obligor has entered a payment plan. If the action involves a failure to comply with a subpoena or order, the only issues that may be determined are the identity of the obligor and whether the obligor has complied with the subpoena or order;

(4) Whether the obligor had the ability to make the payments that are in arrearage;

(5) Whether the obligor has the current ability to make the payments;

(6) The reasons the obligor needs the license, including, but not limited to:

(a) Transportation of family members to and from work, school, or medical treatment;

(b) Transportation of the obligor or family members to extra curricular activities; or

(c) A requirement for employment;
(7) Whether the obligor is unemployed or underemployed;
(8) Whether the obligor is actively seeking employment;
(9) Whether the obligor has been offered job assistance
through the state;
(10) Whether the obligor is disabled and his or her
capacity to work; and
(11) Any other relevant factors that affect the obligor's
ability to make the child support payments.

5. If the court or director, after the hearing, determines
that the obligor has failed to comply with the child support
payment obligation and an arrearage exists in excess of two
thousand five hundred dollars for good cause, then the court or
director shall not issue an order suspending the obligor's
license and ordering the obligor to refrain from engaging in the
licensed activity or, if an order is in place, shall stay such
order.

6. If the court or director, after hearing, determines that
the obligor has failed, without good cause, to comply with any of
the requirements in subsection 4 of this section, the court or
director shall issue an order suspending the obligor's license
and ordering the obligor to refrain from engaging in the licensed
activity.

[6.] 7. The court or division shall send a copy of the
order suspending a license to the licensing authority and the
obligor by certified mail.

[7.] 8. The determination of the director, after a hearing
pursuant to this section, shall be a final agency decision and

shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to chapter 536. Administrative hearings held pursuant to this section shall be conducted by hearing officers appointed by the director of the department pursuant to subsection 1 of section 454.475.

[8.] 9. A determination made by the court or division pursuant to this section is independent of any proceeding of the licensing authority to suspend, revoke, deny, terminate or renew a license.