

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4789

June 15, 2023, Introduced by Reps. Tsernoglou and Morgan and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1952 PA 8, entitled "Revised uniform reciprocal enforcement of support act," by amending sections 9a and 19 (MCL 780.159a and 780.169), section 9a as added and section 19 as amended by 1985 PA 172.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 9a. All duties of support, including the duty to pay  
2 arrearages, are enforceable by a proceeding under this act  
3 including a proceeding for civil contempt. The defense that the  
4 parties are immune to suit because of their relationship as husband

1 ~~and wife~~**a married couple** or parent and child is not available to  
2 the obligor.

3       Sec. 19. Laws attaching a privilege against the disclosure of  
4 communications between ~~husband and wife~~**spouses** are inapplicable to  
5 proceedings under this act. ~~Husband and wife~~**Spouses** are competent  
6 witnesses and may be compelled to testify to any relevant matter,  
7 including marriage and parentage.

8       Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
9 unless Senate Joint Resolution \_\_\_\_ or House Joint Resolution F  
10 (request no. 00367'23) of the 102nd Legislature becomes a part of  
11 the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of article  
12 XII of the state constitution of 1963.