

MOORISH NATIONAL REPUBLIC OF PEACE

Supreme Religious Council Assembled PUBLIC LAW 111-08



TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC LAWS FOR CHILD SUPPORT

Pursuant to the Moorish National Republic of Peace Constitution (2025), Amendment XVIII, Section 3, wherein it states:

"The Moorish National Republic of Peace shall make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in its government, departments, and officers under this Constitution,"

there shall hereby be designated Child Support provisions to serve this purpose.

This Public Law shall go into immediate force.

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TITLE I - CRIMINAL CODE
CHAPTER 8 - CHILD SUPPORT

Section 1. Failure to Pay Child Support Obligations

(a) **Offense**—Any person who:

1. Willfully fails to pay a support obligation with respect to a child who resides in another Province, if such obligation has remained unpaid for a period longer than **one year**, or exceeds **5,000 Noble Dollars**;
2. Travels in **inter-province or foreign commerce** with the intent to evade a support obligation, if such obligation has remained unpaid for a period longer than **one year**, or exceeds **5,000 Noble Dollars**;
3. Willfully fails to pay a support obligation with respect to a child who resides in another Province, if such obligation has remained unpaid for a period longer than **two years**, or exceeds **10,000 Noble Dollars**;

shall be punished as provided in **subsection (c)**.

Section 2. Presumption of Ability to Pay

(a) The existence of a support obligation that was in effect for the time period charged in the indictment or information creates a **rebuttable presumption** that the obligor has the ability to pay the support obligation for that time period.

Section 3. Punishment

(a) The punishment for an offense under this section is:

1. **First offense**—A fine under this title, imprisonment for not more than **six months**, or both;
 2. **Subsequent offenses or obligations exceeding 10,000 Noble Dollars**—A fine under this title, imprisonment for not more than **two years**, or both.
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Section 4. Mandatory Restitution

(a) Upon conviction under this section, the **Court of the Moorish National Republic of Peace** shall order restitution in an amount equal to the total unpaid support obligation as it exists at the time of sentencing.

Section 5. Jurisdiction and Venue

(a) With respect to an offense under this section, an action may be prosecuted in a **Province Court of the Moorish National Republic of Peace** where:

1. The child who is the subject of the support obligation resided during a period when the obligor failed to meet that support obligation;
 2. The obligor resided during a period described in **subsection (a)**;
 3. Any other province has jurisdiction as otherwise provided by law.
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Section 6. Definitions

(a) The term "**State**" includes the **Moorish National Republic of Peace**, its **Provinces**, and any **territory or possession** under its jurisdiction.

(b) The term "**Indigenous Tribe**" refers to the recognized bloodline descendants of **Aboriginal People**, with the **Province** acknowledging their sovereignty within its jurisdiction.

Section 7. Exemptions for Responsible Parental Support

(a) No **parent** shall be penalized under this law if they can **demonstrate active financial support** for the child's needs. Proof of support may include:

1. **Cancelled money orders or checks** made out to the parent or guardian with whom the child resides;
 2. **Receipts for clothes, toys, school supplies, or food** containing a **wet ink signature** from the parent or guardian of the child;
 3. A **contractual agreement** between both parents regarding tuition, medical expenses, or other financial responsibilities, signed by **two witnesses** (one from each parent's family or an independent party) and recorded with the **Province Recorder's Office**.
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Section 8. No Incarceration for Indigent Parents

(a) No person shall be incarcerated for failure to pay child support if they are **unemployed or without income**, but they shall be required to **perform community service**. Failure to fulfill such service without just cause may result in further penalties, including incarceration.

ENACTED AND RATIFIED

Signed into Law on **April 6th, 2025**

By Authority of the **Moorish National Republic of Peace**