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Introduced by Sen. FLANAGAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the family court act, in relation to enforcement and punishment for failure to make child support payments

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The family court act is amended by adding a new section  
2     458-d to read as follows:  
3     S 458-D. ENFORCEMENT OF ARREARS; ADDITIONAL PENALTY. IN ADDITION TO  
4     THE RELIEF GRANTED FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN ORDER OF SUPPORT PURSU-  
5     ANT TO THIS ARTICLE, AN AGGRIEVED PARTY MAY MAKE AN APPLICATION PURSUANT  
6     TO THE PROVISION OF SECTION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX OF THE JUDICIARY LAW  
7     TO PUNISH A RESPONDENT FOR CONTEMPT, AND WHERE THE JUDGMENT OR ORDER  
8     DIRECTS PAYMENT TO BE MADE IN INSTALLMENTS, OR AT STATED INTERVALS,  
9     FAILURE TO MAKE SUCH PAYMENTS OR INSTALLMENT MAY BE PUNISHED AS THEREIN  
10    PROVIDED AND SUCH PUNISHMENT, EITHER BY FINE OR COMMITMENT, SHALL NOT BE  
11    A BAR TO A SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDING TO PUNISH THE RESPONDENT FOR A CONTEMPT  
12    FOR FAILURE TO PAY SUBSEQUENT INSTALLMENTS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER IF THE  
13    RESPONDENT HAS WILLFULLY ACCUMULATED CHILD SUPPORT ARREARS EQUIVALENT TO  
14    OR GREATER THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, THE RESPONDENT SHALL BE GUILTY OF  
15    A CLASS E FELONY PUNISHABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PENAL LAW.  
16    S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-  
17    ing the date on which it shall have become a law and shall apply to any  
18    judgment entered or fine or penalty imposed on any arrears accrued on or  
19    after such date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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