

## **2008 Maryland Legislative Session Highlights - Child Support Bills**

*Senate Bill 180 – Law 153 – State Lottery – Purchasing, Selling, or Cashing Lottery Tickets or Prizes* – This law prohibits an individual or government unit from buying a winning lottery ticket from another person who wants to prevent the State Lottery Agency from intercepting State owed monies. It would prohibit a noncustodial parent who owes child support arrears from selling a winning lottery ticket to another person to avoid interception of monies owed by the noncustodial parent. Effective October 1, 2008.

*Senate Bill 198 – Law 162 – Family Law – Child Support Collection Fee – Repeal of Sunset* – This law increases the amount of child support payments that a family receives to at least \$3,500 before CSEA is authorized to deduct the annual \$25 collection fee. The bill terminates when the federal requirement to deduct the annual \$25 collection fee is repealed. Effective October 1, 2008.

*House Bill 115 – Law 251 – Medical Assistance Programs and Maryland Children's Health Program – Statements on State-Issued Check Stubs* – This law requires a one-sentence statement on each State-issued child support payment check stub that advises individuals who cannot afford health insurance that they may be eligible to enroll in the Medical Assistance or MCHP Program. Effective October 1, 2008.

*House Bill 786 – Law 522 – Maryland Uniform Interstate Family Support Act - UIFSA Revision* – This law affects current interstate laws. The changes are not major. They clarify issues that had resulted in litigation and further strengthen UIFSA's main provisions. One of the main provisions in UIFSA is that only one child support order is recognized in interstate cases. UIFSA sets out the requirements that must be met for a particular state to have jurisdiction in establishing and/or modifying an order, i.e., the "controlling order". Effective October 1, 2008.