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The Commonwealth of Wassachusetts

SENATE, May 5, 1953.

The committee on Legal Affairs, to whom was referred so much of the twenty-eighth annual report of the Judicial Council (Pub. Doc. No. 144) as relates to an amendment of the uniform reciprocal non-support law relative to support of children by parents (page 39), report the accompanying Bill (Senate, No. 691).

For the committee,

RICHARD H. LEE.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three.

An Act relative to the support of minor children by their parents.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 8 of chapter 118D of the General Laws, as
- 2 amended, is hereby amended by adding at the end the
- 3 following sentence: The legal duty of the parent or
- 4 parents to support a minor child shall continue not-
- 5 withstanding the absence of a court decree ordering
- 6 them or either of them to pay for the support of said
- 7 child and notwithstanding any court decree granting
- 8 custody of such child to another; provided, however,
- 9 that where decree stipulates an amount to be paid by
- 10 them or either of them for said child's support they
- 11 shall not be obligated in excess of that amount.