

HOUSE No. 5434

By Mr. Larkin of Pittsfield, petition of Peter J. Larkin for legislation to establish a penalty for delinquent payments under the child support payment program. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-One.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR DELINQUENT PAYMENTS UNDER THE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT PROGRAM.

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 85B of Chapter 276 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph: —
3 If the court finds, after a hearing, that any person who is
4 delinquent in making such ordered or decreed payments, and an
5 adjudication is made to that effect, the court shall assess a penalty
6 in addition to any payments due in arrears, of not less than six
7 per cent of the amount in arrears and such penalty shall be
8 increased in accordance with the annual determination of the
9 percentum of change in the average cost-of-living for the previous
10 year as shown by the United States Consumer Price Index for such
11 year.

