

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. DeFilippi of West Springfield, for a Bill further defining the powers of the courts of the Commonwealth concerning the uniform reciprocal enforcement of support (House, No. 5253). March 30.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE PROCEDURES RELATIVE TO THE UNIFORM RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT.

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

1 Chapter 273A of the General Laws is hereby amended by strik-  
2 ing out section 12, as most recently amended by section 3 of chapter  
3 239 of the acts of 1958, and inserting in place thereof the following  
4 section: —

5 *Section 12.* In addition to the foregoing powers, the court,  
6 when the commonwealth is a responding state, may subject the  
7 respondent to such terms and conditions as it deems proper to  
8 assure compliance with its orders, and may require the respondent  
9 to make payments at specified intervals to a probation officer  
10 assigned by the court, and punish a respondent who violates any  
11 order of the court to the same extent as is provided by law for  
12 contempt in any other suit or proceeding. Such court shall also be  
13 allowed to request attachments on any tax refund due from the  
14 commonwealth to a respondent who is delinquent in any support  
15 order. If the court is unable to find the respondent or his property  
16 within its judicial district but discovers that the respondent or his  
17 property may be found in the judicial district of another court in  
18 the commonwealth, the court may forward the papers received  
19 from the court of the initiating state to such other court and shall  
20 inform the court in the initiating state that it has done so. There-  
21 upon such other court shall give a receipt for the papers and thereaf-  
22 ter have the duties imposed by this chapter.

