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Arrangement of Provisions

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| 1. | Short title and commencement | to facilitate recovery of arrears due under maintenance order. |
| 2. | Appointment of officer of Court | |

1997, No. 18

AN ACT to amend the Maintenance and Affiliation Act 1967 by making the said Act explicit in that a Maintenance Officer can appear on behalf of persons seeking Affiliation Orders under Part IV of the said Act. (22 August 1997)

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Assembly of Samoa in Parliament assembled as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement-(1) This Act may be cited as the Maintenance and Affiliation Amendment Act 1997, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Maintenance and Affiliation Act 1967 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

(2) This Act shall come into force on the date of assent.

2. Appointment of officer of Court to facilitate recovery of arrears due under maintenance order-(1) Subsection 36(3) of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the subsection and substituting the following:

"(3) The Maintenance Officer may institute any proceedings, and may appear on the hearing of any proceedings, under Part III, Part IV, Part V or Part VI of this Act."

(2) Subsection 36 (4) of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the subsection and substituting the following:-

"(4) The Maintenance Officer may, on behalf of the applicant in the original proceedings or the person to whom or for whose benefit money is payable under any order under this Act, and on the written request of such person, appear in any of the following proceedings:

- (a) An application for the rehearing, or the rehearing, of any application under Part III, Part IV, Part V or Part VI of this Act;
- (b) Proceedings for the cancellation, variation, or suspension of any order made under this Act for the payment of money in respect of the maintenance of any person."