

HB 1174 -- SPOUSAL SUPPORT

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This bill requires any court that awards maintenance to include a termination date that is not more than 50% of the length of the marriage. If the obligor owes an arrearage at the termination date, he or she must continue paying until the arrearage is paid in full.

Maintenance orders currently in effect will automatically terminate after maintenance has been paid. An obligor who meets these requirements may file a notice with the court including documentation verifying that his or her obligation is paid in full and not in arrears. Upon verification, the court must automatically terminate the obligor's maintenance obligation and notify the obligee.

The bill prohibits the court from modifying an existing maintenance order during the six-month period specified in these provisions or during the period that the obligor is paying the arrearage.

This bill allows the court to extend the maintenance obligation past the termination date under specified circumstances.

This bill is similar to HB 1818 (2016).