

Maintenance Orders Act 1950

1950 CHAPTER 37

PART II

ENFORCEMENT

19 Functions of collecting officer, etc.

- (1) Where a maintenance order made in England or Northern Ireland by a court of summary jurisdiction is registered in any court under this Part of this Act, any provision of the order by virtue of which sums payable thereunder are required to be paid through or to any officer or person on behalf of the person entitled thereto shall be of no effect so long as the order is so registered.
- (2) Where a maintenance order is registered under this Part of this Act in a court of summary jurisdiction in England of Northern Ireland, the court shall, unless it is satisfied that it is undesirable to do so, order that all payments to be made Under the maintenance order (including any arrears accrued before the date of the registration) shall be made through the collecting officer of the court Or the collecting officer of some other court of summary jurisdiction in England or Northern Ireland, as the case may be.
- (3) An order made by a court of summary, jurisdiction under subsection (2) of this section may be varied or revoked by a subsequent order.
- (4) Where by virtue of the provisions of this section or any order made thereunder payments under a maintenance order cease to be or become payable through or to any officer or person, the person liable to make the payments shall, until he is given the prescribed notice to that effect, be deemed to comply with the maintenance order if he makes payments in accordance with the maintenance order and any order under this section of which he has received such notice.
- (5) In any case where, by virtue of an order made under this section by a court in Northern Ireland, payments under a maintenance order are required to be made through the collecting Officer of any court—

- (a) subsections (3) and (4) of section eight of the Illegitimate Children (Affiliation Orders) Act (Northern Ireland), 1924 (which regulate the functions of collecting officers in relation to affiliation orders), shall apply as if the maintenance order were M affiliation order within the meaning of that section and as if the order under this section were made under that Act; and references in those subsections to the mother and the putative father shall be construed accordingly; and
- (b) subsection (2) of section seven of the Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Act (Northern Ireland), 1945 (which relates to the remuneration of persons through whom weekly sums are paid under that Act), shall have effect as if money paid in accordance with the order under this section were paid in pursuance of an order made under that Act.