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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Concerning Spousal Support'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §951-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2013, c. 327, §1, is further amended to read:

4. Modification. An award of spousal support issued before October 1, 2013 is subject to modification when it appears that justice requires unless and to the extent the order awarding or modifying spousal support expressly states that the award, in whole or in part, is not subject to future modification. An award of spousal support issued on or after October 1, 2013 is subject to modification when there is a substantial change in financial circumstances and it appears that justice requires.

Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §951-A, sub-§12, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 327, §2, is repealed.

SUMMARY

This amendment strikes the bill and amends the provision regarding modification of an order of spousal support by specifying that an award of spousal support issued on or after October 1, 2013, is subject to modification when there is a substantial change in financial circumstances and additionally, as required in current law, it appears that justice requires the modification. The amendment also repeals the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 951-A, subsection 12, because this amendment addresses the modification of spousal support including in cases of cohabitation.