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1	AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3484
2	AMENDMENT NO Amend House Bill 3484 by replacing
3	everything after the enacting clause with the following:
4	"Section 5. The Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of
5	Marriage Act is amended by changing Section 501 as follows:
6	(750 ILCS 5/501) (from Ch. 40, par. 501)
7	Sec. 501. Temporary relief. In all proceedings under this
8	Act, temporary relief shall be as follows:
9	(a) Either party may petition or move for:
10	(1) temporary maintenance or temporary support of a
11	child of the marriage entitled to support, accompanied by
12	an affidavit as to the factual basis for the relief
13	requested. One form of financial affidavit, as determined
14	by the Supreme Court, shall be used statewide. The
15	financial affidavit shall be supported by documentary
16	evidence including, but not limited to, income tax

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returns, pay stubs, and banking statements. Unless the 1 court otherwise directs, any affidavit or supporting 2 3 documentary evidence submitted pursuant to this paragraph shall not be made part of the public record of the 4 5 proceedings but shall be available to the court or an appellate court in which the proceedings are subject to 6 review, to the parties, their attorneys, and such other 7 8 persons as the court may direct. Upon motion of a party, a 9 court may hold a hearing to determine whether and why 10 there is a disparity between a party's sworn affidavit and 11 the supporting documentation. If a party intentionally or recklessly files an inaccurate or misleading financial 12 13 affidavit, the court shall impose significant penalties 14 and sanctions including, but not limited to, costs and 15 attorney's fees;

16 (2) a temporary restraining order or preliminary
 17 injunction, accompanied by affidavit showing a factual
 18 basis for any of the following relief:

19 (i) restraining any person from transferring, 20 encumbering, concealing or otherwise disposing of any 21 property except in the usual course of business or for 22 the necessities of life, and, if so restrained, 23 requiring him to notify the moving party and his attorney of any proposed extraordinary expenditures 24 25 made after the order is issued; however, an order need exception 26 include for transferring, not an

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encumbering, or otherwise disposing of property in the 1 usual course of business or for the necessities of 2 3 life if the court enters appropriate orders that 4 enable the parties to pay their necessary personal and 5 business expenses including, but not limited to, appropriate professionals to assist the court pursuant 6 to subsection (1) of Section 503 to administer the 7 payment and accounting of such living and business 8 9 expenses;

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(ii) enjoining a party from removing a child from
 the jurisdiction of the court for more than 14 days;

(iii) enjoining a party from striking or interfering with the personal liberty of the other party or of any child; or

15 (iv) providing other injunctive relief proper in 16 the circumstances; or

17 (3) other appropriate temporary relief including, in
18 the discretion of the court, ordering the purchase or sale
19 of assets and requiring that a party or parties borrow
20 funds in the appropriate circumstances.

Issues concerning temporary maintenance or temporary support of a child entitled to support shall be dealt with on a summary basis based on allocated parenting time, financial affidavits, tax returns, pay stubs, banking statements, and other relevant documentation, except an evidentiary hearing may be held upon a showing of good cause. If a party 10200HB3484sam002 -4- LRB102 13864 LNS 26850 a

intentionally or recklessly files an inaccurate or misleading financial affidavit, the court shall impose significant penalties and sanctions including, but not limited to, costs and attorney's fees resulting from the improper representation.

6 (b) The court may issue a temporary restraining order 7 without requiring notice to the other party only if it finds, 8 on the basis of the moving affidavit or other evidence, that 9 irreparable injury will result to the moving party if no order 10 is issued until the time for responding has elapsed.

(c) A response hereunder may be filed within 21 days after service of notice of motion or at the time specified in the temporary restraining order.

14 (c-1)As used in this subsection (c-1), "interim attorney's fees and costs" means attorney's fees and costs_ 15 16 including an allowance from the other party for a retainer fee to obtain an attorney, assessed from time to time while a case 17 is pending, in favor of the petitioning party's current 18 19 counsel, for reasonable fees and costs either already incurred 20 or to be incurred, and "interim award" means an award of 21 interim attorney's fees and costs, including an allowance from 22 the other party for a retainer fee to obtain an attorney. 23 Interim awards shall be governed by the following:

(1) Except for good cause shown, a proceeding for (or
 relating to) interim attorney's fees and costs in a
 pre-judgment dissolution proceeding shall be

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1 nonevidentiary and summary in nature. All hearings for or relating to interim attorney's fees and costs under this 2 3 subsection shall be scheduled expeditiously by the court. 4 When a party files a petition for interim attorney's fees 5 and costs supported by one or more affidavits that delineate relevant factors, the court (or a hearing 6 7 officer) shall assess an interim award after affording the 8 opposing party a reasonable opportunity to file a 9 responsive pleading. A responsive pleading shall set out 10 the amount of each retainer or other payment or payments, 11 or both, previously paid to the responding party's counsel by or on behalf of the responding party. A responsive 12 13 pleading shall include costs incurred, and shall indicate 14 whether the costs are paid or unpaid. In assessing an 15 interim award, the court shall consider all relevant 16 factors, as presented, that appear reasonable and 17 necessary, including to the extent applicable:

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(A) the income and property of each party,
including alleged marital property within the sole
control of one party and alleged non-marital property
within access to a party;

(B) the needs of each party;

(C) the realistic earning capacity of each party;
 (D) any impairment to present earning capacity of
 either party, including age and physical and emotional
 health;

(E) the standard of living established during the
 marriage;

3 (F) the degree of complexity of the issues, 4 including allocation of parental responsibility, 5 valuation or division (or both) of closely held 6 businesses, and tax planning, as well as reasonable 7 needs for expert investigations or expert witnesses, 8 or both;

(G) each party's access to relevant information;

(H) the amount of the payment or payments made or
reasonably expected to be made to the attorney for the
other party; and

(I) any other factor that the court expresslyfinds to be just and equitable.

15 (1.5) A petition for interim fees that seeks an order 16 for the payment of an initial retainer to retain an 17 attorney shall have attached to it an affidavit from the attorney to be retained that the attorney has been 18 19 contacted by the moving party and the attorney has agreed 20 to enter an appearance if the court grants the relief 21 requested, together with a certificate from the moving 22 party that the interim fees granted will only be used by 23 the moving party to retain the attorney. Any interim fees 24 granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be paid directly 25 to the identified attorney.

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(2) Any assessment of an interim award (including one

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pursuant to an agreed order) shall be without prejudice to 1 any final allocation and without prejudice as to any claim 2 3 or right of either party or any counsel of record at the time of the award. Any such claim or right may be presented 4 5 by the appropriate party or counsel at a hearing on contribution under subsection (j) of Section 503 or a 6 7 hearing on counsel's fees under subsection (c) of Section 8 508. Unless otherwise ordered by the court at the final 9 hearing between the parties or in a hearing under 10 subsection (j) of Section 503 or subsection (c) of Section 508, interim awards, as well as the aggregate of all other 11 12 payments by each party to counsel and related payments to 13 third parties, shall be deemed to have been advances from 14 the parties' marital estate. Any portion of any interim 15 award constituting an overpayment shall be remitted back to the appropriate party or parties, or, alternatively, to 16 17 successor counsel, as the court determines and directs, after notice in a form designated by the Supreme Court. An 18 order for the award of interim attorney's fees shall be a 19 20 standardized form order and labeled "Interim Fee Award Order". 21

(3) In any proceeding under this subsection (c-1), the
court (or hearing officer) shall assess an interim award
against an opposing party in an amount necessary to enable
the petitioning party to participate adequately in the
litigation, upon findings that the party from whom

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1 attorney's fees and costs are sought has the financial ability to pay reasonable amounts and that the party 2 3 seeking attorney's fees and costs lacks sufficient access to assets or income to pay reasonable amounts. 4 In 5 determining an award, the court shall consider whether adequate participation in the litigation requires 6 expenditure of more fees and costs for a party that is not 7 8 in control of assets or relevant information. Except for 9 good cause shown, an interim award shall not be less than 10 payments made or reasonably expected to be made to the 11 counsel for the other party. If the court finds that both parties lack financial ability or access to assets or 12 13 income for reasonable attorney's fees and costs, the court 14 (or hearing officer) shall enter an order that allocates 15 available funds for each party's counsel, including 16 retainers or interim payments, or both, previously paid, in a manner that achieves substantial parity between the 17 parties. 18

19 (4) The changes to this Section 501 made by this
20 amendatory Act of 1996 apply to cases pending on or after
21 June 1, 1997, except as otherwise provided in Section 508.

(c-2) Allocation of use of marital residence. Where there is on file a verified complaint or verified petition seeking temporary eviction from the marital residence, the court may, during the pendency of the proceeding, only in cases where the physical or mental well-being of either spouse or his or her 10200HB3484sam002 -9- LRB102 13864 LNS 26850 a

1 children is jeopardized by occupancy of the marital residence by both spouses, and only upon due notice and full hearing, 2 unless waived by the court on good cause shown, enter orders 3 4 granting the exclusive possession of the marital residence to 5 either spouse, by eviction from, or restoration of, the marital residence, until the final determination of the cause 6 pursuant to the factors listed in Section 602.7 of this Act. No 7 8 such order shall in any manner affect any estate in homestead 9 property of either party. In entering orders under this 10 subsection (c-2), the court shall balance hardships to the 11 parties.

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(d) A temporary order entered under this Section:

(1) does not prejudice the rights of the parties or the child which are to be adjudicated at subsequent hearings in the proceeding;

16 (2) may be revoked or modified before final judgment,
17 on a showing by affidavit and upon hearing; and

18 (3) terminates when the final judgment is entered or 19 when the petition for dissolution of marriage or legal 20 separation or declaration of invalidity of marriage is 21 dismissed.

(e) The fees or costs of mediation shall be borne by the parties and may be assessed by the court as it deems equitable without prejudice and are subject to reallocation at the conclusion of the case.

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(f) Companion animals. Either party may petition or move

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for the temporary allocation of sole or joint possession of and responsibility for a companion animal jointly owned by the parties. In issuing an order under this subsection, the court shall take into consideration the well-being of the companion animal. As used in this Section, "companion animal" does not include a service animal as defined in Section 2.01c of the Humane Care for Animals Act.

8 (Source: P.A. 99-90, eff. 1-1-16; 99-763, eff. 1-1-17; 9 100-422, eff. 1-1-18.)".