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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to husband and wife; providing  
that a husband and wife are jointly and  
severally liable for certain debts and  
necessaries; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Doctrine of necessaries.--The husband and wife are liable jointly and severally for any debts incurred by either, during the marriage and before either the date a separation agreement is entered into or the date of the filing of a petition for dissolution of marriage, whichever is earlier, unless otherwise specified by an order of the court, for necessary food, clothing, shelter, and medical care for themselves and their dependent children, and for the education and care of their dependent children.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Provides that the husband and wife are liable jointly and severally for any debts incurred by either, while during the marriage and before either the date a separation agreement is entered into or the date of the filing of a petition for dissolution of marriage, whichever is earlier, unless otherwise specified by order of the court, for necessary food, clothing, shelter, and for medical care for themselves and their dependent children, and for the education and care of their dependent children.