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1 On page 3, line 6, after "family member" insert "and the
2 petitioner and respondent are married to each other or were in a
3 meretricious relationship with each other. To qualify as a
4 meretricious relationship, the court must find that there is or was
5 a stable, marital-like relationship where the parties could have
6 otherwise been legally married to each other but cohabited with
7 each other knowing that a lawful marriage between them did not
8 exist. When determining whether a meretricious relationship
9 existed, the court shall consider, at a minimum, all of the
10 following factors: (i) Whether the cohabitation was continuous and
11 uninterrupted for at least one year prior to the filing of the
12 petition; (ii) the purpose of the relationship and whether the
13 petitioner and respondent held themselves out to be in a marital-
14 like relationship; and (iii) whether the petitioner and respondent
15 pooled resources and shared assets for the benefit of their
16 relationship"

EFFECT: Limits when the court may order temporary financial assistance to cases where the parties are married or in a meretricious relationship; Specifies a meretricious relationship exists if the court finds that there is a stable, marital-like relationship where the parties could have otherwise been married to each other but cohabited with each other knowing that a marriage did not exist between them; Specifies other factors the court must consider in determining whether a meretricious relationship existed.