
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1876 Session of
1981

INTRODUCED BY SALVATORE AND PERZEL, OCTOBER 6, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 6, 1981

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for termination of
3 parental rights.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 2503 of Title 23, act of November 25,
7 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 § 2503. Hearing.

10 (a) General rule.--Upon presentation of a petition prepared
11 pursuant to section 2501 (relating to relinquishment to agency)
12 or section 2502 (relating to relinquishment to adult intending
13 to adopt child), the court shall fix a time for hearing which
14 shall not be less than ten days after filing of the petition.

15 The petitioner must appear at the hearing.

16 (b) Notice.--Notice to the petitioner shall be in the form
17 provided in section 2513(b) (relating to hearing). Notice of the
18 hearing shall be given to the other parent and to the parents or

1 guardian of a petitioner who has not reached 18 years of age.

2 (c) Decree.--After hearing, which shall be private, the
3 court may enter a decree of termination of parental rights in
4 the case of their relinquishment to an adult or a decree of
5 termination of parental rights and duties, including the
6 obligation of support, in the case of their relinquishment to an
7 agency.

8 (d) Limited right of appeal.--No person whose parental
9 rights have been terminated by a court pursuant to subsection
10 (c) shall have the right to appeal, open or otherwise modify or
11 overturn the order of the court more than 30 days after it is
12 entered.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.