

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2560** Session of  
1984

INTRODUCED BY PISTELLA, E. Z. TAYLOR, LASHINGER AND MAIALE,  
NOVEMBER 26, 1984

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, NOVEMBER 26, 1984

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 2, 1980 (P.L.63, No.26), entitled "An  
2 act consolidating, revising and amending the divorce and  
3 annulment laws of the Commonwealth and making certain  
4 repeals," providing for equitable distribution in certain ex  
5 parte actions.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. The act of April 2, 1980 (P.L.63, No.26), known  
9 as the Divorce Code, is amended by adding a section to read:

10 Section 505.1. Equitable distribution in certain ex parte  
11 actions.

12 Whenever a person who was a resident of this Commonwealth at  
13 the time such person was a defendant or respondent in a foreign  
14 ex parte action for annulment or divorce petitions a court of  
15 this Commonwealth for equitable distribution of property, such  
16 court, if it has jurisdiction over the person or property of the  
17 other party, may equitably divide, distribute and assign the  
18 marital property of the parties in the same manner and under the  
19 same conditions and limitations which pertain when equitable

1 distribution of property is sought as provided in Chapter 4. In  
2 the event that the respondent to such petition cannot be located  
3 within this Commonwealth, the court may attach, distribute and  
4 assign to the petitioner such of the tangible or intangible  
5 marital property of the parties as is subject to the  
6 jurisdiction of the court.

7       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.