

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 835 Session of
1995

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BATTISTO, STABACK, THOMAS, E. Z. TAYLOR, SCHULER, MANDERINO
AND RAYMOND, FEBRUARY 14, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 14, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for alternative
3 procedure for relinquishment.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2504(c) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 2504. Alternative procedure for relinquishment.

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10 (c) Putative father.--

11 (1) If a putative father will not execute a consent to
12 an adoption as required by section 2711, has been given
13 notice of the hearing being held pursuant to this section and
14 fails to either appear at that hearing for the purpose of
15 objecting to termination of his parental rights or file a
16 written objection to such termination with the court prior to

1 the hearing and has not filed an acknowledgment of paternity
2 or claim of paternity pursuant to section 5103 (relating to
3 acknowledgment and claim of paternity), the court may enter a
4 decree terminating the parental rights of the putative father
5 pursuant to subsection (b).

6 (2) If a putative father will not execute a consent to
7 an adoption as required by section 2711, and has filed
8 acknowledgment of paternity or claim of paternity pursuant to
9 section 5103 and has been served with notice of hearing, the
10 court may enter a decree terminating the parental rights of
11 the putative father pursuant to subsection (b) under any of
12 the following circumstances:

13 (i) The putative father has not made substantial and
14 ongoing provisions for the child's care and did not
15 provide support for the mother during her pregnancy.

16 (ii) The putative father has not provided support
17 for the mother, has not demonstrated any interest in the
18 child and has not made substantial and ongoing provisions
19 for the child's care for at least 90 days preceding the
20 hearing.

21 (iii) The putative father has intentionally failed
22 to appear for a hearing.

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