
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, OCTOBER 17, 1983

AN ACT

1 Declaring it unlawful to withhold customary care to certain
2 infants; and providing a penalty.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Infant Rights
7 Law.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Hospital." Any State-owned or State-operated hospital and
13 any other public hospital, whether for profit or not-for-profit,
14 operating in this Commonwealth.

15 Section 3. Infant rights.

16 It is unlawful for any person associated with, practicing in
17 or employed by any hospital to deny customary care to an infant

1 born with a physical defect or disability.

2 Section 4. Penalty.

3 A person who violates section 3 commits a misdemeanor of the
4 third degree.

5 Section 5. Posting of act.

6 Sufficient copies of this act shall be posted in all
7 hospitals as will bring it to the attention of all hospital
8 personnel.

9 Section 6. Effective date.

10 This act shall take effect in 60 days.