
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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BELARDI, BISHOP, RAMOS, CURRY AND THOMAS, OCTOBER 7, 1998

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 7, 1998

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for consent to
3 adoption.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2711(c) and (d)(1) of Title 23 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 2711. Consents necessary to adoption.

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10 (c) Validity of consent.--No consent shall be valid if it
11 was executed prior to or within 72 hours after the birth of the
12 child. A putative father may execute a consent at any time after
13 receiving notice of the expected or actual birth of the child.
14 Any consent given outside this Commonwealth shall be valid for
15 purposes of this section if it was given in accordance with the
16 laws of the jurisdiction where it was executed. A consent to an
17 adoption under subsection (a)(3) may only be revoked within 30

1 days of the signing of the consent. Any other consent to an
2 adoption may only be revoked prior to the earlier of either the
3 entry of a decree of termination of parental rights or the entry
4 of a decree of adoption. The revocation of a consent shall be in
5 writing and shall be served upon the agency or adult to whom the
6 child was relinquished.

7 (d) Contents of consent.--

8 (1) The consent of a parent of an adoptee under 18 years
9 of age shall set forth the name, age and marital status of
10 the parent, the relationship of the consenter to the child,
11 the name of the other parent or parents of the child and the
12 following:

13 I hereby voluntarily and unconditionally consent to
14 the adoption of the above named child.

15 I understand that by signing this consent I indicate
16 my intent to permanently give up all rights to this
17 child.

18 I understand such child will be placed for adoption.

19 I understand I may, within 30 days of the signing of
20 this consent, revoke this consent to permanently give up
21 all rights to this child by placing the revocation in
22 writing and serving it upon the agency or adult to whom
23 the child was relinquished.

24 I understand I may not revoke this consent after a
25 court has entered a decree confirming this consent or
26 otherwise terminating my parental rights to this child.
27 Even if a decree has not been entered terminating my
28 parental rights I may not revoke this consent after a
29 decree of adoption of this child is entered.

30 I have read and understand the above and I am signing

1 it as a free and voluntary act.

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3 Section 2. The amendment of 23 Pa.C.S. § 2711(c) and (d)(1)
4 shall apply to consents signed on or after the effective date of
5 this act.

6 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.