
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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TANGRETTI, THOMAS, TIGUE, WILLIAMS, WOJNAROSKI AND
YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 7, 2000

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 7, 2000

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for adoption
3 definitions and for relinquishment of children to agencies.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2102 of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions to read:

8 § 2102. Definitions.

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

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13 "Emergency medical services." The services utilized in
14 responding to the needs of an individual for immediate medical
15 care in order to prevent loss of life or aggravation of
16 physiological or psychological illness or injury.

1 "Emergency medical services provider." A person that
2 regularly provides emergency medical services.

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4 Section 2. Section 2501(a) of Title 23 is amended to read:
5 § 2501. Relinquishment to agency.

6 (a) Petition.--When any child under the age of 18 years has
7 been left with an emergency medical services provider that is
8 unable to contact the parent or guardian of the child, the
9 emergency medical services provider shall, as soon as it is safe
10 to do so, transfer custody of the child to an agency. When any
11 child under the age of 18 years has been in the care of an
12 agency for a minimum period of three days or, whether or not the
13 agency has the physical care of the child, the agency has
14 received a written notice of the present intent to transfer to
15 it custody of the child, executed by the parent, the parent or
16 parents of the child may petition the court for permission to
17 relinquish forever all parental rights and duties with respect
18 to their child.

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