

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1766 Session of
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SAYLOR, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, WATSON AND YOUNGBLOOD,
JUNE 30, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 30, 2003

AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 4321 of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 4321. Liability for support.

9 Subject to the provisions of this chapter:

10 (1) Married persons are liable for the support of each
11 other according to their respective abilities to provide
12 support as provided by law.

13 (2) Parents are liable for the support of their children
14 who are unemancipated and 18 years of age or younger. Unless
15 otherwise agreed in writing or expressly provided by court
16 order, provisions for the support of a child are not

1 terminated by the death of a parent obligated to support a
2 child. When a parent obligated to pay support dies, the
3 amount of support may be modified, revoked or commuted to a
4 lump sum payment, to the extent just and appropriate under
5 the circumstances.

6 (3) Parents may be liable for the support of their
7 children who are 18 years of age or older.

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