

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY ALDEN, MORRIS, STEWART, KOWALYSHYN, J. L. WRIGHT,
JOHNSON, GANNON, RYBAK, VROON, BROWN AND GRAY, SEPTEMBER 22,
1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1981

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 24, 1970 (P.L.620, No.208), entitled
2 "An act providing for the adoption of minors and adults and
3 for the termination of certain parent-child relationships;
4 providing for jurisdiction of courts; providing for recording
5 of foreign decrees of adoption; and containing provisions for
6 procedures, decrees and records in all matters relating
7 thereto," providing for the irrevocability of consents to
8 adoption.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. The act of July 24, 1970 (P.L.620, No.208), known
12 as the "Adoption Act," is amended by adding a section to read:

13 Section 415. Consent Irrevocable.--(a) A consent shall,
14 thirty days from the date of execution, be irrevocable and the
15 court shall not have jurisdiction to invalidate an irrevocable
16 consent in the absence of fraud. The burden of proving fraud
17 shall be on the party seeking to invalidate the consent.

18 (b) A consent shall contain a written statement of the
19 provisions of subsection (a) and an acknowledgment thereof by
20 the person executing the consent.

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days and shall
2 apply to consents executed on and after that date.