

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY PISTELLA, BELFANTI, HOEFFEL, McMONAGLE, HARPER,  
TRELLO, MORRIS, KUKOVICH AND F. E. TAYLOR, MAY 10, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 10, 1983

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 22, 1953 (P.L.1344, No.383), entitled  
2 "An act relating to marriage; and amending, revising,  
3 consolidating and changing the law relating thereto,"  
4 providing for the publication and distribution of a booklet  
5 relating to marriage and parenthood.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. The act of August 22, 1953 (P.L.1344, No.383),  
9 known as The Marriage Law, is amended by adding a section to  
10 read:

11 Section 12.1. Marriage Booklet.--(a) The Office of the  
12 Attorney General together with the Department of Education and  
13 the Department of Health shall prepare a booklet on the rights  
14 and responsibilities of marriage and parenthood. This booklet  
15 shall be distributed free to marriage license applicants.

16 (b) The booklet shall include, but not be limited to, the  
17 following:

18 (1) The legal, social and moral responsibilities of marriage  
19 and parenthood. This shall include an explanation in layman's

1 terms of the applicable statutes relating to domestic relations,  
2 child abuse, juveniles, support and divorce.

3 (2) Family financial planning and money management.

4 (3) Child development.

5 (4) Listings of family planning centers, as well as  
6 information regarding family counselling services offered by  
7 State and local agencies.

8 (5) Historic and present perspectives on marriage as an  
9 equal partnership.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.