

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 577 Session of
1993

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WOZNIAK, J. TAYLOR, BELFANTI, L. I. COHEN, PESCI AND
SERAFINI, MARCH 15, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 15, 1993

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, increasing monetary limits of
3 liability.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5505(a) and (b) of Title 23 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 5505. Monetary limits of liability.

9 (a) General rule.--Liability of the parents under this
10 chapter shall be limited to:

11 (1) The sum of [\$300] \$1,500 for injuries suffered by
12 any one person as a result of one tortious act or continuous
13 series of tortious acts.

14 (2) The sum of [\$1,000] \$5,000 regardless of the number
15 of persons who suffer injury as a result of one tortious act

1 or continuous series of tortious acts.

2 (b) Proceedings where loss exceeds liability.--In the event
3 that actual loss as ascertained by the court or the judgment
4 against the child exceeds [\$1,000] \$5,000, the parents shall be
5 discharged from further liability by the payment of [\$1,000]
6 \$5,000 into court. The court shall cause all aggrieved parties
7 to submit itemized statements of loss in writing and shall make
8 distribution proportionately, whether the claims be for injuries
9 to the person or for theft, destruction or loss of property. The
10 court may take testimony to assist it in making proper
11 distribution and may appoint a master to accomplish this
12 purpose. All costs and fees incurred in these proceedings shall
13 be paid from the [\$1,000] \$5,000 paid into court.

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