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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in adoption, providing for duties of  
3 the department.

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

6 Section 1. Part III of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

8 CHAPTER 30

9 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

10 Sec.

11 3001. Definitions.

12 3002. Duties and responsibilities of department.

13 § 3001. Definitions.

14 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
15 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
16 context clearly indicates otherwise:

17 "Adoption-related materials." Printed materials or audio or  
18 video recordings provided by an agency, which may include

1 information pertaining to the adoption process, the rights and  
2 responsibilities of the parent or parents and the adoptive  
3 parents, the costs associated with adoption and testimonials.

4 "Agency." Any incorporated or unincorporated organization,  
5 society, institution or other entity, public or voluntary, which  
6 may receive or provide for the care of children, supervised by  
7 the Department of Public Welfare, and provide adoption services  
8 in accordance with standards established by the Department of  
9 Health.

10 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.  
11 § 3002. Duties and responsibilities of department.

12 When the department publishes and provides printed materials  
13 that list agencies offering alternatives to abortion, the  
14 department shall also provide adoption-related materials.

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