



# HOUSE BILL No. 4140

February 3, 1993, Introduced by Reps. Gire, Schroer, Horton, Baade, Anthony, Scott, Freeman, Rivers, Points, Ciaramitaro, Bennane, Willard, Dalman, Kilpatrick, Saunders, Bankes, Dolan, Bobier, Martin and Brown and referred to the Committee on Human Services and Children.

A bill to amend Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, entitled as amended "Public health code," as amended, being sections 333.1101 to 333.25211 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding section 21532.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1 Section 1. Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as  
2 amended, being sections 333.1101 to 333.25211 of the Michigan  
3 Compiled Laws, is amended by adding section 21532 to read as  
4 follows:

5 SEC. 21532. (1) A HOSPITAL SHALL PROVIDE TO AN UNMARRIED  
6 MOTHER OF A LIVE CHILD BORN IN THAT HOSPITAL A FORM THAT CAN BE  
7 COMPLETED BY THE CHILD'S MOTHER AND FATHER TO ACKNOWLEDGE PATER-  
8 NITY OF THE CHILD. THE HOSPITAL SHALL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION  
9 DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) ON THE PURPOSE AND  
10 COMPLETION OF THE FORM AND ON THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF

1 THE PARENTS. THE HOSPITAL SHALL PROVIDE THE COMPLETED  
2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PATERNITY TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO THE PROBATE  
3 COURT OF THE MOTHER'S COUNTY OF RESIDENCE FOR RECORDING. THE  
4 FORM SHALL BE AN AFFIDAVIT THAT, IF PROPERLY COMPLETED AND  
5 RECORDED WITH THE PROBATE COURT, IS LEGALLY ADMISSIBLE IN COURT  
6 AS PROOF OF PATERNITY. UPON THE AGENCY'S REQUEST, THE DEPARTMENT  
7 SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT  
8 AN AFFIDAVIT COMPLETED UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE STATE AGENCY  
9 AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER PART D OF TITLE IV OF THE SOCIAL SECUR-  
10 ITY ACT, CHAPTER 531, 88 STAT. 2351, 42 U.S.C. 651 TO 669.

11 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE FREE OF  
12 CHARGE TO HOSPITALS THE AFFIDAVIT FORM TO ACKNOWLEDGE PATERNITY,  
13 THE INFORMATION ON THE PURPOSE AND COMPLETION OF THE FORM, AND  
14 THE INFORMATION ON THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PAR-  
15 ENTS, AND SHALL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING TO HOSPITAL STAFF  
16 ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING THE INFORMATION, AS  
17 APPROPRIATE. A HOSPITAL IS IMMUNE FROM CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABIL-  
18 ITY FOR PROVIDING THE FORM REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, THE INFORMA-  
19 TION DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, OR OTHERWISE FULFILLING  
20 ITS DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

21 Section 2. This amendatory act shall take effect after the  
22 expiration of 6 months after the date of its enactment.