



SENATE BILL No. 607

June 15, 1995, Introduced by Senators GEAKE, HART, DINGELL, HOFFMAN, GOUGEON, SHUGARS, DUNASKISS, STILLE, SCHUETTE, MC MANUS, BYRUM, PETERS and EMMONS and referred to the Committee on Families, Mental Health and Human Services.

A bill to amend section 21532 of Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, entitled as amended
"Public health code,"
as added by Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1993, being section 333.21532 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 21532 of Act No. 368 of the Public Acts
2 of 1978, as added by Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1993,
3 being section 333.21532 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended
4 to read as 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
8 paternity of the child as provided in section 111(4)(a) of the
9 revised probate code, Act No. 642 of the Public Acts of 1978,

1 being section 700.111 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The
2 hospital shall provide the information developed pursuant to sub-
3 section (2) on the purpose and completion of the form and on the
4 rights and responsibilities of the parents. The hospital shall
5 do both of the following:

6 (a) File the completed acknowledgment of paternity with the
7 probate court of the mother's county of residence for recording.
8 Upon filing with the probate court, the acknowledgment estab-
9 lishes legal paternity as provided in section 111 of Act No. 642
10 of the Public Acts of 1978.

11 (b) Provide the department with a copy of the completed
12 acknowledgment of paternity.

13 (2) The department shall develop and distribute free of
14 charge to hospitals the acknowledgment of paternity form, the
15 information on the purpose and completion of the form, and the
16 information on the rights and responsibilities of the parents,
17 and shall provide assistance and training to hospital staff
18 assigned responsibility for providing the information, as
19 appropriate. The acknowledgment of paternity form and informa-
20 tion shall clearly state that completion of the form is voluntary
21 on the part of the mother and father. Information on the rights
22 and responsibilities of parents shall include at least all of the
23 following:

24 (a) The parents' right to assert a claim for ~~visitation~~
25 PARENTING TIME or custody after acknowledgment of paternity.

26 (b) The parents' right to notice and a hearing regarding the
27 adoption of the child after acknowledgment of paternity.

1 (c) The parents' responsibility for compliance with a child
2 support order if such an order is issued after acknowledgment of
3 paternity.

4 (3) A hospital is immune from civil or criminal liability
5 for providing the form required by this section, the information
6 developed pursuant to this section, or otherwise fulfilling its
7 duties pursuant to this section.