

HOUSE BILL No. 4013

January 28, 2003, Introduced by Rep. Newell and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1956 PA 205, entitled
"The paternity act,"
by amending section 2 (MCL 722.712), as amended by 1998 PA 113.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2. (1) The parents of a child born out of wedlock are
2 liable for the necessary support and education of the child.
3 They are also liable for the child's funeral expenses. ~~The~~
4 ~~father is liable to pay the expenses of the mother's confinement,~~
5 ~~and is also liable to pay expenses in connection with her~~
6 ~~pregnancy as the court in its discretion may deem proper. Based~~
7 on each parent's ability to pay, the court shall apportion the
8 expenses of the mother's confinement and expenses in connection
9 with her pregnancy between the parents. The court shall ~~admit in~~
10 ~~proceedings under this act a bill~~ not apportion these expenses
11 unless the party requesting the apportionment offers as evidence

1 **itemized bills** for funeral expenses, expenses of the mother's
2 confinement, or expenses in connection with the mother's
3 pregnancy. ~~—, which~~ **An itemized** bill constitutes prima facie
4 evidence of the amount of those expenses, without third party
5 foundation testimony.

6 (2) If the father dies, an order of filiation or a judicially
7 approved settlement made before his death is enforceable against
8 his estate in the same manner and way as a divorce decree.