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May 28, 2003, Introduced by Reps. Hart, Lipsey, Voorhees and Vander Veen 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 and require the parent who**
10 **did not pay the expense to pay his or her share of the expense to**
11 **the other parent. At the request of a person other than a parent**

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1 who has paid the expenses of the mother's confinement or expenses
2 in connection with her pregnancy, the court may order a parent
3 against whom the request is made to pay to the person other than
4 a parent the parent's share of the expenses. The court shall
5 admit in proceedings under this act a bill for funeral expenses,
6 expenses of the mother's confinement, or expenses in connection
7 with the mother's pregnancy, ~~which~~ and the bill constitutes
8 prima facie evidence of the amount of those expenses, without
9 third party foundation testimony.

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