

HOUSE BILL No. 5439

November 1, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Hart, Pestka, Vander Veen, Birkholz, Hummel and Lemmons and referred to the Committee on Family and Children Services.

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 preg-~~
6 ~~nancy as the court in its discretion may deem proper.~~ BASED ON
7 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 for funeral expenses, expenses
11 of the mother's confinement, or expenses in connection with the

1 mother's pregnancy, which bill constitutes prima facie evidence
2 of the amount of those expenses, without third party foundation
3 testimony.

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