



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5148

LCO No. 872

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

An Act Concerning The Right Of A Parent To Determine Funeral Arrangements For A Minor Child.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 45a-604 of the general statutes, as amended by section 4 of
2 public act 99-84, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof:

4 As used in sections 45a-603 to 45a-622, inclusive:

5 (1) "Mother" means (A) a woman who can show proof by means of a
6 birth certificate or other sufficient evidence of having given birth to a
7 child and (B) an adoptive mother as shown by a decree of a court of
8 competent jurisdiction or otherwise;

9 (2) "Father" means a man who is a father under the law of this state
10 including a man who, in accordance with section 46b-172, executes a
11 binding acknowledgment of paternity and a man determined to be a
12 father under chapter 815y;

13 (3) "Parent" means a mother as defined in subdivision (1) of this
14 section or a "father" as defined in subdivision (2) of this section;

15 (4) "Minor" or "minor child" means a person under the age of
16 eighteen;

17 (5) "Guardianship" means guardianship of the person of a minor,
18 and includes: (A) The obligation of care and control; [and] (B) the
19 authority to make major decisions affecting the minor's welfare,
20 including, but not limited to, consent determinations regarding
21 marriage, enlistment in the armed forces and major medical,
22 psychiatric or surgical treatment; and (C) upon the death of the minor,
23 the authority to make decisions concerning funeral arrangements and
24 the disposition of the body of the minor;

25 (6) "Guardian" means one who has the authority and obligations of
26 "guardianship" as defined in subdivision (5) of this section;

27 (7) "Termination of parental rights" means the complete severance
28 by court order of the legal relationship, with all its rights and
29 responsibilities, between the child and the child's parent or parents so
30 that the child is free for adoption, except that it shall not affect the right
31 of inheritance of the child or the religious affiliation of the child.

JUD Committee Vote: Yea 37 Nay 0 JF