



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1526

PRINTERS NO. 3512

PRIME SPONSOR: Petri

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1526, Printer's Number 3512, amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) to decrease the period in which a birth mother, birth father or putative father can revoke their consent to an adoption from 30 days to 14 days. This legislation is effective in one year.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation amends Section 2711 (Consents necessary to adoption) by constricting the time frame for revocation of consent to 14 days after a birth mother formally gives her consent. In the case of a birth father or putative father, their consent will be irrevocable 14 days after the birth of the child or the execution of consent, whichever occurs later.

An individual who executed a consent to an adoption may challenge the validity of that consent by filing a petition alleging fraud or duress which must occur prior to the termination of their parental rights. Once an individual's parental rights are terminated and the individual has executed the consent to an adoption, the individual has no further standing to contest the adoption or revoke consent.

In addition, this bill amends Section 2721 (Notice of hearing) to specify that no notice of an adoption hearing is required to be given to birth parents if the birth parents have consented to the adoption and parental rights have been terminated.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth as there are no additional administrative requirements associated with passage of this legislation.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*