

March 19, 2001

S 499. AMEND ADOPTION LAWS. TO AMEND THE LAWS RELATING TO ADOPTION.

Makes numerous changes to adoption laws, GS Ch. 48, as follows. (1) Allows for "agency identified adoption," which is a placement where an agency has agreed to place the minor with a prospective adoptive parent selected by the parent or guardian. (2) Permits agency to place a minor for adoption only with an individual for whom a favorable preplacement assessment has been prepared, whether or not adoption is an agency identified adoption. (3) Allows agency preparing preplacement assessment to redact information about prospective adoptive parent's financial status and extended family from assessment provided to placing parent or guardian. (4) Deletes provisions relating to consent to adoption or relinquishment of an infant who is in utero or is three months old or less at time consent is given or relinquishment is executed. (5) Sets out procedures by which mother of minor child or male whose consent is required may revoke consent or relinquishment. (6) Permits disclosure of specified information in agency placements when consent to release of identifying information has been signed prior to adoption by placing parent or guardian and adopting parents. (7) Provides that individual with a completed favorable preplacement assessment may advertise in a public medium that individual will accept a child for adoption as long as ad includes information about completion of assessment and its finding of suitability. (8) Makes changes to information required in petition and filing of waivers.

Intro. by Hartsell and Soles.

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S 499. AMEND ADOPTION LAWS. Intro. 3/19/01. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. (1) Original bill added to GS 48-1-101 a definition of "qualified adoption social worker." The committee substitute drops it. (2) Original bill added to GS 48-3-608 provisions to permit the mother and father of a minor child to waive the statutory, time-limited right to revoke consent to adoption (and added similar provision in GS 48-3-706 regarding revocations of relinquishments). The committee substitute drops these provisions. (3) Original bill added to the documents to be presented along with the adoption petition under GS 48-2-305 any waiver of the right to revoke consent to adoption or relinquishment. The committee substitute drops this provision. (4) Original bill adds a new GS 48-10-101 to permit a potential adoptive parent who has a current preplacement assessment finding him or her suitable to be an adoptive parent to advertise in a periodical or newspaper that the person is available for adopting a child. The committee substitute adds provisions (a) specifying that the advertisement must contain a statement of the person's willingness to pay lawful expenses or the manner in which the person may be contacted and (b) requiring that the person provide to the publisher a copy of a statement from the agency that prepared the preplacement assessment. Also adds a provision making a violation of this advertising provision a class 1 misdemeanor

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S 499. AMEND ADOPTION LAWS. Intro. 3/19/01. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Makes technical changes only. Clarifies that effective date is Nov. 1, 2001.

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SL 2001-150 (S 499). AMEND ADOPTION LAWS. AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS RELATING TO ADOPTION. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/19/01, 4/24/01, and 5/14/01. Enacted May 31, 2001. Effective Nov. 1, 2001.