

March 9, 2005

**H 532. ADJUST ADOPTION PROCEDURE. TO STREAMLINE ADOPTION PROCEDURES BY REQUIRING CONSENT FROM THOSE PERSONS WHOSE PARENTAL STATUS HAS BEEN DETERMINED.** Enacts new GS 48-2-207 that describes the procedures to be used in determining whether a biological or possible biological father's consent must be obtained prior to an adoption. Section requires that court enter an order that the man's consent is not required if he is served with a notice of the adoption petition and fails to file a timely response. Requires that court hold a hearing to determine the necessity of consent if (1) the possible father files a timely response to notice of adoption petition or (2) any individual who has not been served with notice intervenes in the adoption proceeding and claims that his or her consent to the adoption is necessary. If court determines an individual's consent is required, adoption may not proceed until consent is obtained or the individual's parental rights are terminated. If court determines that an individual's consent is not required, that individual is not entitled to receive further notice of proceedings or to otherwise participate in the adoption proceeding. Amends GS 48-2-206 (prebirth determination of right to consent) to clarify that biological father who fails to file a timely response to notice of adoption may not participate in the adoption proceedings. Amends GS 48-2-304(c)(2) to state that if an adoption petition does not confirm compliance with the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, petition must explain reason for noncompliance. Makes technical corrections and conforming changes. Effective for actions filed on or after October 1, 2005.

**Intro. by Stam, Goodwin.**

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**H 532. ADJUST ADOPTION PROCEDURE.** Intro. 3/9/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes technical change only.

July 11, 2005

**SL 2005-166 (H 532). ADJUST ADOPTION PROCEDURE. AN ACT TO STREAMLINE ADOPTION PROCEDURES BY REQUIRING CONSENT FROM THOSE PERSONS WHOSE PARENTAL STATUS HAS BEEN DETERMINED.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/9/05 and 6/14/05. Enacted July 7, 2005. Effective October 1, 2005.