

March 15, 2007

H 865. REMOVE BARRIERS TO INTERSTATE ADOPTION. Filed 3/15/07. *TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO ADOPTION FOR RESIDENTS OF OTHER STATES SEEKING TO ADOPT CHILDREN IN NORTH CAROLINA UNDER THE LAWS PERTAINING TO TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND ADOPTION.*

Enacts new GS 7B-1111(a)(10) providing that a court may terminate parental rights of a person when the child has been relinquished to a county department of social services or licensed child-placing agency for the purpose of adoption, the consent or relinquishment to adoption by the parent has become irrevocable except under certain specified conditions, the termination of parental rights is necessary for the adoption to proceed in another state, and the parent does not contest the termination of parental rights. Amends GS 48-2-100, setting forth the conditions under which adoption proceeding may be commenced under GS Chapter 48, by deleted the requirement that the prospective adoptive parent be domiciled in North Carolina in subdivision (b)(1) and by adding subdivision (b)(3) providing that an agency licensed by the state or by a county department of social services has legal custody of the adoptee. Amends GS 48-2-100(c), which deprives a North Carolina court of jurisdiction if another state is exercising jurisdiction at the time the adoption petition is filed, to provide that jurisdiction will attach if within 60 days after the adoption petition is filed, the court of the other state dismisses its proceeding or releases its exclusive, continuing jurisdiction.

Intro. by Goodwin, Glazier, Moore.

GS 7B, 48

April 16, 2007

H 865. REMOVE BARRIERS TO INTERSTATE ADOPTION. Filed 3/15/07. House amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. Provides that the act becomes effective October 1, 2007, and applies to motions in the cause or petitions filed on or after that date (was, effective when it becomes law and applicable to termination of parental rights and adoption proceedings begun on or after that date).

July 2, 2007

SL 2007-151 (H 865). REMOVE BARRIERS TO INTERSTATE ADOPTION. AN ACT TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO ADOPTION FOR RESIDENTS OF OTHER STATES SEEKING TO ADOPT CHILDREN IN NORTH CAROLINA UNDER THE LAWS PERTAINING TO TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND ADOPTION. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/15/07 and 4/16/07. Enacted June 29, 2007. Effective October 1, 2007.