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CHAPTER 31

CHILDREN'S CODE

RELINQUISHMENT AND ADOPTION

(House Bill No. 1036. By Representatives Strahle, Bain, Edmonds, Fowler, McCormick, Morris, Quinlan, Sack, Schafer, Vanderhoof, and Wilder; also Senators Hewett, Anderson, Birmingham, Denny, Garnsey, Saunders, and Stockton.)

AN ACT

AMENDING 22-4-7 (1) (f), COLORADO REVISED STATUTES 1963, AS AMENDED, CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

Section 1. 22-4-7 (1) (f), Colorado Revised Statutes 1963, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 443, Session Laws of Colorado 1967, is amended to read:

22-4-7. Availability for adoption.—(1) (f) Written and verified consent of the parent in a stepparent adoption where the other parent is deceased or his rights have been terminated under paragraphs (b) or (c) of this subsection, OR WHERE THE OTHER PARENT HAS ABANDONED THE CHILD FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR OR MORE OR WHERE HE HAS FAILED WITHOUT CAUSE TO PROVIDE REASONABLE SUPPORT FOR SUCH CHILD FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR OR MORE:

(i) UPON FILING OF THE PETITION IN ADOPTION THE COURT SHALL ISSUE A NOTICE DIRECTED TO THE OTHER PARENT, WHICH NOTICE SHALL STATE THE NATURE OF THE RELIEF SOUGHT, THE NAMES OF THE PETITIONER AND THE CHILD, AND THE TIME AND PLACE SET FOR HEARING ON THE PETITION.

(ii) IF THE ADDRESS OF THE OTHER PARENT IS KNOWN, SERVICE OF SUCH NOTICE SHALL BE IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY THE COLORADO RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS.

(iii) UPON AFFIDAVIT BY THE PETITIONER THAT AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH THE ADDRESS OF THE OTHER PARENT REMAINS UNKNOWN, THE COURT SHALL ORDER SERVICE UPON THE OTHER PARENT BY ONE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE HEARING IS TO BE HELD.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

(iv) THE HEARING SHALL NOT BE HELD SOONER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THE NOTICE IS COMPLETE; or

Section 2. **Safety clause.**—The general assemply hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 6, 1968