

CHAPTER 78

CHILDREN AND DOMESTIC MATTERS

HOUSE BILL 04-1216

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Rhodes, Hefley, Boyd, Crane, Jahn, Lee, and White;
also SENATOR(S) Dyer.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE PRE-BIRTH NOTICE TO THE PARENT OF A CHILD WHOSE OTHER PARENT IS RELINQUISHING THE PARENT-CHILD LEGAL RELATIONSHIP BY MEANS OF THE EXPEDITED RELINQUISHMENT PROCESS.

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

SECTION 1. 19-5-103.5 (2) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

19-5-103.5. Expedited relinquishment procedure - children under one year of age - other birth parents - notice - termination. (2) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 19-5-105 to the contrary, in those cases in which a parent seeks to relinquish his or her parent-child legal relationship with a child pursuant to this section, the licensed child placement agency or the county department of social services assisting the relinquishing parent shall proceed with filing the petition for termination of the other birth parent's or possible birth parents' parent-child legal relationship and notify the other birth parent or possible birth parents as provided in section 19-5-105. ~~except that the licensed child placement agency or the county department of social services assisting the relinquishing parent may serve the other birth parent or possible birth parents, whether by personal service, publication, or posting, prior to the birth of the child.~~

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

Approved: April 5, 2004

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