

CHAPTER 118

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE BILL 02-1168

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Williams S., Coleman, Jahn, Mace, Stafford, Borodkin, Groff, Hefley, and Ragsdale;
also SENATOR(S) Epps.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF A NOTATION INDICATING ADOPTION WHEN A NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED.

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

SECTION 1. 25-2-113 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

25-2-113. New certificates of birth following adoption - legitimation - parentage determination. (2) (a) The state registrar shall register each new certificate of birth prepared pursuant to subsection (1) of this section by marking thereon the words "new certificate", by marking thereon the date such certificate is completed, which date thereafter shall be the registration date, and by substituting such new certificate for the original certificate of birth for such person.

(b) A NEW CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH ISSUED PURSUANT TO AN ADOPTION, AND ANY COPY OF SUCH CERTIFICATE ISSUED, SHALL BE MARKED BY THE STATE REGISTRAR WITH THE WORDS "ISSUED PURSUANT TO ADOPTION" IF SO REQUESTED BY AN ADOPTIVE PARENT OR BY AN ADOPTED PERSON.

(c) THE STATE REGISTRAR SHALL DEVELOP RULES TO ENSURE THAT THE ADOPTIVE PARENT'S DECISION TO INCLUDE SUCH INFORMATION, IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2), IS MADE KNOWINGLY, INCLUDING HAVING A SEPARATE SIGNATURE LINE VERIFYING SUCH CHOICE.

SECTION 2. Effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution; except that, if a referendum petition

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is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

Approved: April 19, 2002