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HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the procedural requirements for foreign and
2 international adoption, providing for applicability, and
3 providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 600.15, Code Supplement 2001, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 600.15 FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS.

4 ~~1.--a.~~ A decree establishing a parent-child relationship
5 by adoption which is issued pursuant to due process of law by
6 a juvenile court or court of any other jurisdiction in the
7 United States or in the child's country of origin shall be
8 recognized in this state.

9 ~~b.--A decree terminating a parent-child relationship which~~
10 ~~is issued pursuant to due process of law by a juvenile court~~
11 ~~or court of any other jurisdiction in the United States shall~~
12 ~~be recognized in this state.~~

13 ~~c.--Documentation demonstrating that a child has been~~
14 ~~legally released or approved for adoption by the child's~~
15 ~~country of origin shall be accepted as evidence that~~
16 ~~termination of parental rights has been completed in that~~
17 ~~country and shall be recognized in this state.~~

18 ~~2.--If an adoption has occurred in the minor person's~~
19 ~~country of origin, a further adoption must occur in the state~~
20 ~~where the adopting parents reside in accordance with the~~
21 ~~adoption laws of that state.~~

22 ~~3.--A licensed child placing agency as defined in section~~
23 ~~238.27, a person making an independent placement as defined in~~
24 ~~section 600A.27, or an investigator may provide necessary~~
25 ~~assistance to an eligible citizen of Iowa who desires to, in~~
26 ~~accordance with the immigration laws of the United States,~~
27 ~~make an international adoption.~~

28 Sec. 2. PENDING ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS -- APPLICABILITY.
29 This Act applies to adoption proceedings pending in this state
30 on the effective date of this Act.

31 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
32 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

33 EXPLANATION

34 This bill relates to foreign and international adoptions.
35 The bill replaces the current provisions relating to foreign

1 and international adoptions, including the requirement that if
2 an adoption occurred in the minor person's country of origin,
3 an additional adoption must occur in the state in which the
4 adopting parents reside and under the laws of that state, and
5 instead provides that a decree establishing a parent-child
6 relationship by adoption which is issued pursuant to due
7 process of law by a juvenile court or court of any
8 jurisdiction in the United States or in the minor person's
9 country of origin is recognized in this state. The provisions
10 of the bill apply to adoption proceedings pending in Iowa on
11 the effective date of the bill. The bill takes effect upon
12 enactment.

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