

# An Act

HOUSE BILL 17-1304

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also SENATOR(S) Smallwood and Kefalas, Aguilar, Baumgardner, Cooke, Court, Crowder, Donovan, Fenberg, Fields, Garcia, Hill, Holbert, Jahn, Kagan, Kerr, Lambert, Lundberg, Marble, Martinez Humenik, Merrifield, Moreno, Neville T., Scott, Tate, Todd, Williams A., Grantham.

CONCERNING ALLOWING THE ADOPTION OF A CHILD UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF A COURT IN COLORADO WHO IS NOT PRESENT IN COLORADO.

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 19-5-201 as follows:

**19-5-201. Who may be adopted.** Any child LEGALLY AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 19-5-203, under eighteen years of age, AND EITHER present in the state at the time the petition for adoption is filed and ~~legally available for adoption as provided in section 19-5-203~~ OR UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF A COURT IN COLORADO FOR AT LEAST SIX

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

MONTHS may be adopted. Upon approval of the court, a person eighteen years of age or older and under twenty-one years of age may be adopted as a child, and all provisions of this part 2 referring to the adoption of a child shall apply to such a person.

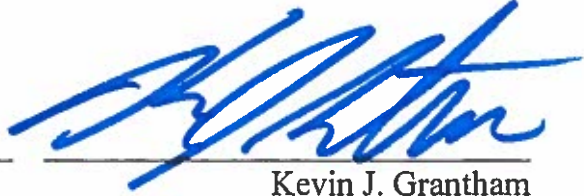
**SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect July 1, 2017, and applies to petitions filed on or after said date.

**SECTION 3. 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.



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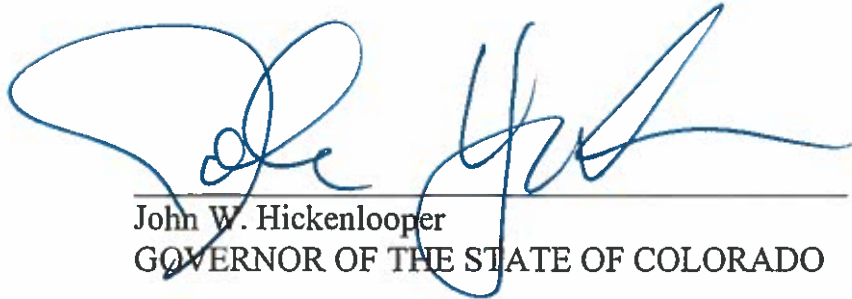
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