

Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine

SENATE BILL NO. 2388
(Senators Cook, G. Nelson, W. Stenehjem)
(Representatives R. Kelsch, Mahoney)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 14-15-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to adoption investigations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 5 of section 14-15-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5. An investigation and report is not required in cases in which a stepparent is the petitioner or the person to be adopted is an adult. The department of human services when required to consent to the adoption may give consent without making the investigation. If the petitioner is a relative other than a stepparent of the minor, the minor has lived with the petitioner for at least nine months, no allegations of abuse or neglect have been filed against the petitioner or any member of the petitioner's household, and the court is satisfied that the proposed adoptive home is appropriate for the minor, the court may waive the investigation and report required under this section. For the purpose of this section, "relative" means any person having the following relationship to the minor by marriage, blood, or adoption: grandparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, or aunt.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2388.

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 3

House Vote: Yeas 89 Nays 2 Absent 7

Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Governor

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Secretary of State