

## Session 120 - (2013-2014)

### H 3898 General Bill, By D.C. Moss

#### Summary: Adoption

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-9-60, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PEOPLE WHO MAY ADOPT A CHILD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY RESIDENT OF THE STATE MAY ADOPT A CHILD PURSUANT TO THE ARTICLE, EXCEPT AS PROHIBITED BY SECTION 63-9-65; BY ADDING SECTION 63-9-62 TO CONSOLIDATE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 63-9-60 THAT ADDRESS CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A NONRESIDENT MAY ADOPT A CHILD, THE REQUIREMENT THAT FAMILY COURTS INCLUDE FINDINGS IN ORDERS AS TO THE BASIS FOR THE EXEMPTION ALLOWING ADOPTION BY A NONRESIDENT, THE APPLICABILITY OF THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN TO ALL ADOPTIONS BY NONRESIDENTS, THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DELAYING OR DENYING PLACEMENTS WITH NONRESIDENTS FOR CHILDREN IN ITS CUSTODY; AND BY ADDING SECTION 63-9-65 TO PROHIBIT RESIDENTS AND NONRESIDENTS FROM PETITIONING TO ADOPT A CHILD IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AFTER THE CHILD HAS BEEN PLACED IN A HOME FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTION.

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