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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4447

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4447 on page 1, line  
3 5, by changing "304," to "303, 304, 305, 307, 308, 309, 310,  
4 311, 312, 313,"; and

5 on page 1, line 6, by changing "and 809" to "809, 903, and  
6 904"; and

7 on page 3, line 9, by changing "has no genetic connection" to  
8 "has made no genetic contribution"; and

9 on page 11, by replacing lines 7 through 13 with the following:

10 "(5) state that the signatories understand that the  
11 voluntary acknowledgment is the equivalent of a judicial  
12 adjudication of parentage of the child and that: (i) a  
13 challenge by a signatory to the voluntary acknowledgment  
14 may be permitted only upon a showing of fraud, duress, or

1 material mistake of fact; and (ii) a challenge to the  
2 voluntary acknowledgment is barred after 2 years unless  
3 that period is tolled pursuant to the law ~~a challenge to~~  
4 ~~the acknowledgment is permitted only under limited~~  
5 ~~circumstances and is barred after 2 years."; and~~

6 on page 11, line 23, by changing "an" to "a voluntary an"; and

7 on page 11, by inserting immediately below line 25 the  
8 following:

9 "(750 ILCS 46/303)

10 Sec. 303. Denial of parentage. A presumed parent may sign a  
11 denial of parentage. The denial is valid only if:

12 (a) a voluntary acknowledgment described in Section  
13 301 of this Act signed, or otherwise authenticated, by a  
14 man is filed pursuant to Section 305 of this Act;

15 (b) the denial is in a record, and is signed, or  
16 otherwise authenticated, under penalty of perjury; and

17 (c) the presumed parent has not previously:

18 (1) acknowledged his parentage, unless the  
19 previous voluntary acknowledgment has been rescinded  
20 under Section 307 of this Act or successfully  
21 challenged under Section 308 of this Act; or

22 (2) been adjudicated to be the parent of the child.

23 (Source: P.A. 99-85, eff. 1-1-16.)"; and

1 on page 12, line 2, after "for", by inserting "voluntary"; and

2 on page 12, line 3, by changing "An" to "A voluntary An"; and

3 on page 12, line 4, after "denial", by inserting "of  
4 parentage"; and

5 on page 12, line 6, after "the", by inserting "voluntary"; and

6 on page 12, line 8, by changing "An" to "A voluntary An"; and

7 on page 12, line 14, by changing "An" to "A voluntary An"; and

8 on page 12, by inserting immediately below line 16 the  
9 following:

10 "(750 ILCS 46/305)

11 Sec. 305. Effect of voluntary acknowledgment or denial of  
12 parentage.

13 (a) Except as otherwise provided in Sections 307 and 308 of  
14 this Act, a valid voluntary acknowledgment filed with the  
15 Department of Healthcare and Family Services, as provided by  
16 law, is equivalent to an adjudication of the parentage of a  
17 child and confers upon the acknowledged father all of the  
18 rights and duties of a parent.

1           (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,  
2 parentage established in accordance with Section 301 of this  
3 Act has the full force and effect of a judgment entered under  
4 this Act and serves as a basis for seeking a child support  
5 order without any further proceedings to establish parentage.

6           (c) Except as otherwise provided in Sections 307 and 308 of  
7 this Act, a valid denial by a presumed parent filed with the  
8 Department of Healthcare and Family Services, as provided by  
9 law, in conjunction with a voluntary acknowledgment, is  
10 equivalent to an adjudication of the nonparentage of the  
11 presumed parent and discharges the presumed parent from all  
12 rights and duties of a parent.

13           (Source: P.A. 99-85, eff. 1-1-16.)

14           (750 ILCS 46/307)

15           Sec. 307. Proceeding for rescission. A signatory may  
16 rescind a voluntary acknowledgment or denial by filing a signed  
17 and witnessed rescission with the Department of Healthcare and  
18 Family Services as provided in Section 12 of the Vital Records  
19 Act, before the earlier of:

20           (a) 60 days after the effective date of the voluntary  
21 acknowledgment or denial, as provided in Section 304 of  
22 this Act; or

23           (b) the date of a judicial or administrative proceeding  
24 relating to the child (including a proceeding to establish  
25 a support order) in which the signatory is a party.

1 (Source: P.A. 99-85, eff. 1-1-16.)

2 (750 ILCS 46/308)

3 Sec. 308. Challenge after expiration of period for  
4 rescission. After the period for rescission under Section 307  
5 of this Act has expired, a signatory of a voluntary  
6 acknowledgment or denial may commence a proceeding to challenge  
7 the voluntary acknowledgment or denial only as provided in  
8 Section 309 of this Act.

9 (Source: P.A. 99-85, eff. 1-1-16.)

10 (750 ILCS 46/309)

11 Sec. 309. Procedure for challenge.

12 (a) A voluntary acknowledgment and any related denial may  
13 be challenged only on the basis of fraud, duress, or material  
14 mistake of fact by filing a verified petition under this  
15 Section within 2 years after the effective date of the  
16 voluntary acknowledgment or denial, as provided in Section 304  
17 of this Act. Time during which the person challenging the  
18 voluntary acknowledgment or denial is under legal disability or  
19 duress or the ground for relief is fraudulently concealed shall  
20 be excluded in computing the period of 2 years.

21 (b) The verified complaint, which shall be designated a  
22 petition, shall be filed in the county where a proceeding  
23 relating to the child was brought, such as a support proceeding  
24 or, if none exists, in the county where the child resides.

1 Every signatory to the voluntary acknowledgment and any related  
2 denial must be made a party to a proceeding to challenge the  
3 voluntary acknowledgment or denial. The party challenging the  
4 voluntary acknowledgment or denial shall have the burden of  
5 proof. The burden of proof to challenge a voluntary  
6 acknowledgment is clear and convincing evidence.

7 (c) For the purpose of a challenge to a voluntary ~~an~~  
8 acknowledgment or denial, a signatory submits to personal  
9 jurisdiction of this State by signing the voluntary  
10 acknowledgment and any related denial, effective upon the  
11 filing of the voluntary acknowledgment and any related denial  
12 with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, as  
13 provided in Section 12 of the Vital Records Act.

14 (d) Except for good cause shown, during the pendency of a  
15 proceeding to challenge a voluntary ~~an~~ acknowledgment or  
16 denial, the court may not suspend the legal responsibilities of  
17 a signatory arising from the voluntary acknowledgment,  
18 including the duty to pay child support.

19 (e) At the conclusion of a proceeding to challenge a  
20 voluntary ~~an~~ acknowledgment or denial, the court shall order  
21 the Department of Public Health to amend the birth record of  
22 the child, if appropriate. A copy of an order entered at the  
23 conclusion of a proceeding to challenge shall be provided to  
24 the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

25 (Source: P.A. 99-85, eff. 1-1-16.)

1 (750 ILCS 46/310)

2 Sec. 310. Ratification barred. A court or administrative  
3 agency conducting a judicial or administrative proceeding is  
4 not required or permitted to ratify an unchallenged voluntary  
5 acknowledgment described in Section 301 of this Act.

6 (Source: P.A. 99-85, eff. 1-1-16.)

7 (750 ILCS 46/311)

8 Sec. 311. Full faith and credit. A court of this State  
9 shall give full faith and credit to a valid voluntary  
10 acknowledgment or denial of parentage effective in another  
11 state if the voluntary acknowledgment or denial has been signed  
12 and is otherwise in compliance with the law of the other state.

13 (Source: P.A. 99-85, eff. 1-1-16.)

14 (750 ILCS 46/312)

15 Sec. 312. Forms for voluntary acknowledgment and denial of  
16 parentage.

17 (a) To facilitate compliance with this Article, the  
18 Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall prescribe  
19 forms for the voluntary acknowledgment and ~~the~~ denial of  
20 parentage and for the rescission of the voluntary  
21 acknowledgment or denial of parentage consistent with Section  
22 307 of this Act.

23 (b) A voluntary acknowledgment, ~~or~~ denial, or rescission of  
24 voluntary acknowledgment or denial of parentage, regardless of

1 which version of the prescribed form is used, is not affected  
2 by a later modification of the prescribed form.

3 (c) Any voluntary acknowledgment, denial, or rescission of  
4 voluntary acknowledgement or denial of parentage that was  
5 completed before January 1, 2016 is valid if it met all  
6 criteria for validity at the time it was signed.

7 (Source: P.A. 99-85, eff. 1-1-16.)

8 (750 ILCS 46/313)

9 Sec. 313. Release of information. The Department of  
10 Healthcare and Family Services may release information  
11 relating to the voluntary acknowledgment described in Section  
12 301 of this Act, or the related denial, to a signatory of the  
13 voluntary acknowledgment or denial; to the child's guardian,  
14 the emancipated child, or the legal representatives of those  
15 individuals; to appropriate federal agencies; and to courts and  
16 appropriate agencies of this State or another state.

17 (Source: P.A. 99-85, eff. 1-1-16.)"; and

18 on page 12, line 21, after "child", by inserting ", including a  
19 non-minor child with a disability,"; and

20 on page 13, line 10, by changing "505 and 505.2" to "505, ~~and~~  
21 505.2, and 513.5"; and

22 on page 16, by replacing lines 21 through 23 with the



1 following:

2 "(g) any person or public agency that has physical  
3 possession of or has custody of or has been allocated  
4 parental responsibilities for ~~custody of~~, is providing  
5 financial"; and

6 on page 18, line 6, by changing "child representative" to "the  
7 child"; and

8 on page 19, line 24, after "child."; by inserting "It shall be  
9 presumed to be equitable and in the best interests of the child  
10 to grant a motion by the child seeking an order for genetic  
11 testing. The presumption may be overcome by clear and  
12 convincing evidence that extraordinary circumstances exist  
13 making the genetic testing contrary to the child's best  
14 interests. The court's order denying a child's request for  
15 genetic testing must state the basis upon which the presumption  
16 was overcome."; and

17 on page 24, by replacing lines 21 through 26 with the  
18 following:

19 "(c) In the absence of an explicit order or judgment for  
20 the allocation of parental responsibilities ~~If a judgment of~~  
21 ~~parentage contains no explicit award of custody, the~~

1 establishment of a child support obligation or the allocation  
2 of parenting time ~~to rights in~~ one parent shall be construed as  
3 an order or judgment allocating all parental responsibilities  
4 ~~considered a judgment granting custody~~ to the other parent. If  
5 the parentage order or judgment contains no such provisions,  
6 all parental responsibilities ~~custody~~ shall be presumed to be  
7 allocated to ~~with~~ the mother; however, the presumption shall  
8 not apply if the child has resided primarily with the other  
9 parent ~~father has had physical custody~~ for at least 6 months  
10 prior to the date that the mother seeks to enforce the order or  
11 judgment of parentage ~~custodial rights.~~"; and

12 on page 25, by deleting lines 1 through 6; and

13 on page 25, line 21, by changing "father's prior knowledge" to  
14 "~~father's~~ prior knowledge of the person obligated to pay  
15 support"; and

16 on page 25, line 26, by changing "father" to "person obligated  
17 to pay support ~~father~~"; and

18 on page 26, line 1, by changing "his help" to "the ~~his~~ help of  
19 the person obligated to pay support"; and

20 on page 26, line 5, by changing "father" to "person obligated  
21 to pay support ~~father~~"; and

1 on page 26, line 10, by changing "father's net income" to  
2 "~~father's~~ net income of the person obligated to pay support";  
3 and

4 on page 26, line 11, by changing "his net income" to "the his  
5 net income of the person obligated to pay support"; and

6 on page 26, line 13, by changing "non-custodial parent" to  
7 "person obligated to pay support ~~non-custodial parent~~"; and

8 on page 26, line 15, by changing "non-custodial parent's  
9 ability to pay child support" to "~~non-custodial parent's~~  
10 ability to pay child support of the person obligated to pay  
11 support"; and

12 on page 26, line 16, by changing "non-custodial parent" to  
13 "person obligated to pay support ~~non-custodial parent~~"; and

14 on page 26, line 18, by changing "non-custodial parent" to  
15 "person obligated to pay support ~~non-custodial parent~~"; and

16 on page 26, line 21, by changing "non-custodial parent's  
17 ability to pay child support" to "~~non-custodial parent's~~  
18 ability to pay child support of the person obligated to pay  
19 support"; and

1 on page 35, line 21, by changing "physical possession" to  
2 "custody"; and

3 on page 39, by inserting immediately below line 22 the  
4 following:

5 "(750 ILCS 46/903)

6 Sec. 903. Transitional provision. A proceeding to  
7 adjudicate parentage which was commenced before the effective  
8 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time  
9 the proceeding was commenced, except that this Act applies to  
10 all pending actions and proceedings commenced before January 1,  
11 2016 with respect to issues on which a judgment has not been  
12 entered.

13 (Source: P.A. 99-85, eff. 1-1-16.)

14 (750 ILCS 46/904)

15 Sec. 904. Savings provision. The repeal of the Illinois  
16 Parentage Act of 1984 ~~and the Illinois Parentage Act~~ shall not  
17 affect rights or liabilities under that Act ~~those Acts~~ which  
18 have been determined, settled, or adjudicated prior to the  
19 effective date of this Act ~~or which are the subject of~~  
20 ~~proceedings pending on the effective date of this Act.~~ This Act  
21 shall not be construed to bar an action which would have been  
22 barred because the action had not been filed within a time

1 limitation under the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984 ~~and the~~  
2 ~~Illinois Parentage Act~~, or which could not have been maintained  
3 under that Act ~~those Acts~~, as long as the action is not barred  
4 by a limitations period set forth in this Act.  
5 (Source: P.A. 99-85, eff. 1-1-16.)".