

ACT No. 320

HOUSE BILL NO. 487

BY REPRESENTATIVES HENRY, ABRAMSON, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BARRAS, BILLIOT, BRASS, TERRY BROWN, CARMODY, ROBBY CARTER, STEVE CARTER, CHANEY, CONNICK, COUSSAN, COX, DEVILLIER, DUBUISSON, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, EMERSON, GISCLAIR, GUINN, LANCE HARRIS, HILL, JACKSON, JONES, NANCY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LYONS, MARCELLE, MIGUEZ, MOORE, POPE, SMITH, STEFANSKI, THOMAS, WHITE, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATOR GARY SMITH

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:844.1, relative to adoptions; to provide relative to adoption fees; to provide
3 a maximum amount of adoption fees for certain adoptions; and to provide for related
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:844.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §844.1. Fees; state agency adoptions

8 A. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the fee assessed
9 by the clerk of court for the filing of a petition for a state agency adoption shall not
10 exceed one hundred fifty dollars per petition.

11 B. For the purpose of this Section, "state agency adoption" means any
12 adoption proceeding wherein the child to be adopted is in the legal custody of the
13 Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services or the corresponding
14 department of any other state.

15 C. The fee to be assessed on behalf of the sheriff's offices for service of
16 process of state agency adoptions shall not exceed thirty dollars per adoption
17 petition.

1 D. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all fees and costs
2 authorized to be assessed or collected by the clerks of court, except fees and costs
3 authorized by this Section, are hereby expressly waived in state agency adoptions.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____