

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 317

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CHILDREN/ADOPTION: Provides for the acceptance of a child surrendered for adoption by the Department of Children and Family Services

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 1117(B), relative to the surrender of children
3 for adoption; to provide relative to the agencies who may accept the surrender of
4 children for adoption; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Children's Code Article 1117(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read
7 as follows:

8 Art. 1117. Domiciliary requirements; acceptance of surrender ~~by agency on behalf~~
9 ~~of resident adoptive parent~~

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11 B. In order for a surrender to an agency to be effective, the agency accepting
12 the surrender shall either be the Department of Children and Family Services or have
13 been issued a child-placing or adoption license by the ~~Department of Children and~~
14 ~~Family Services~~ department.

15 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
16 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
17 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
18 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
19 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides with respect to surrenders of children for adoption by the Dept. of Children and Family Services.

Present law requires that an agency accepting a surrender for adoption be issued a license by the Dept. of Children and Family Services.

Proposed law allows the Dept. of Children and Family Services to also accept surrenders, in addition to the agencies licensed by the department.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 1117(B))