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**Act No. 31 (H.98). An act relating to confirmatory adoptions and standby guardianships**

**Subjects: Adoption; confirmatory adoption**

This act establishes an expedited confirmatory adoption process for parents who conceived a child through assisted reproduction and who are already legally recognized parents under Vermont law and creates a court process for establishing “standby guardianships” for minors in cases where a child’s parents are unavailable to care for the child because of an adverse immigration action.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on May 22, 2025