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AN ACT relating to domestic relations; revising provisions relating to adoptions; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law provides that a person may consent to the adoption of his child, and the child will be relinquished either to an agency or to the person to whom consent to adopt is given, if the adoption is a specific adoption. (NRS 127.040, 127.053) **Section 2** of this bill provides that, in a specific adoption, the person to whom consent is given assumes legal custody and legal responsibility for the child as soon as consent for the adoption is executed.

Section 11 of this bill requires a child-placing agency licensed by the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services to include certain information confirming its licensure in any advertisement concerning its services. (NRS 127.310)

Section 14 of this bill provides that certain sections of this bill may apply retroactively and prospectively to petitions for adoption.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 2. Chapter 127 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

A person to whom consent to adopt a child is given for a specific adoption pursuant to NRS 127.053 has, at the time the consent is executed, legal custody over the child and is legally responsible for the child until a court holds a hearing to enter an order or decree of adoption or to deny the petition pursuant to the laws of this State or another state.

Sec. 3. NRS 127.005 is hereby amended to read as follows:

127.005 The provisions of NRS 127.010 to 127.1895, inclusive, *and section 2 of this act* govern the adoption of minor children, and the provisions of NRS 127.190, 127.200 and 127.210 and the provisions of NRS 127.010 to 127.1895, inclusive, *and section 2 of this act*, where not inconsistent with the provisions of NRS 127.190, 127.200 and 127.210, govern the adoption of adults.

Secs. 4-10. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 11. NRS 127.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

127.310 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 127.240, 127.283 and 127.285, any person or organization other than an agency which provides child welfare services who, without holding



a valid , unrevoked license to place children for adoption issued by the Division:

(a) Places, arranges the placement of, or assists in placing or in arranging the placement of, any child for adoption or permanent free care; or

(b) Advertises in any periodical or newspaper, or by radio or other public medium, that he will place children for adoption, or accept, supply, provide or obtain children for adoption, or causes any advertisement to be published in or by any public medium soliciting, requesting or asking for any child or children for adoption,

↪ is guilty of a misdemeanor.

2. Any person who places, accepts placement of, or aids, abets or counsels the placement of any child in violation of NRS 127.280, 127.2805 and 127.2815 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

3. A periodical, newspaper, radio station or other public medium is not subject to any criminal penalty or civil liability for publishing or broadcasting an advertisement that violates the provisions of this section.

4. A child-placing agency shall include in any advertisement concerning its services published in any periodical or newspaper or by radio or other public medium a statement which:

(a) Confirms that the child-placing agency holds a valid, unrevoked license issued by the Division; and

(b) Indicates any license number issued to the child-placing agency by the Division.

Secs. 12 and 13. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 14. The amendatory provisions of sections 2 and 3 of this act apply to a petition for adoption that is filed pursuant to chapter 127 of NRS before, on or after October 1, 2009.

