Acts of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly, 1976 Session, chapter
four (4), is amended by striking section four hundred eighty-
two (482).
Approved June 2, 1978

CHAPTER 1178
ADOPTION BY STEPPARENT
H. F. 2223

AN ACT to provide that a separate termination of parental rights
   proceeding shall not be required in cases of stepparent adop-
   tions.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1.   Section six hundred point three (600.3),
subsection two (2), Code 1977, as amended by Acts of the
Sixty-seventh General Assembly, 1977 Session, chapter one
hundred forty (140), section two (2), is amended by striking
the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

2.   An adoption petition shall not be filed until a
termination of parental rights has been accomplished except
in the following cases:

a.   No termination of parental rights is required if the
person to be adopted is an adult.

b.   If the stepparent of the child to be adopted is the
adoption petitioner, the parent-child relationship between
the child and the parent who is not the spouse of the
petitioner may be terminated as part of the adoption proceeding
by the filing of that parent's consent to the adoption.

For the purposes of this subsection, a consent to adopt
recognized by the courts of another jurisdiction in the United
States and obtained from a resident of that jurisdiction shall
be accepted in this state in lieu of a termination of parental
rights proceeding.

Sec. 2.   Section six hundred point three (600.3), Code
1977, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-seventh General Assembly,
1977 Session, chapter one hundred forty (140), section two
(2), is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION.   Any adoption proceeding pending on or
completed prior to the effective date of this Act is hereby
legalized and validated to the extent that it is consistent
with this Act.

Approved June 14, 1978