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HUMAN RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 358
BY KOENIGS

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to voluntary guardianship petitions by persons
2 under the age of fourteen years and providing an effective
3 date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 633.557, Code 1995, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 633.557 APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN ON VOLUNTARY PETITION.

4 A guardian may also be appointed by the court upon the
5 verified petition of the proposed ward, without further
6 notice, if the proposed ward is ~~other than a minor under the~~
7 age of fourteen years an adult, a minor age fourteen years or
8 older, or a minor under the age of fourteen years if the court
9 determines the minor to be mature and capable of providing
10 informed consent, provided the court determines that such an
11 appointment will inure to the best interest of the applicant.
12 However, if an involuntary petition is pending, the court
13 shall be governed by section 633.634. The petition shall
14 provide the proposed ward notice of a guardian's powers as
15 provided in section 633.562.

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
17 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill provides that a person under 14 years of age may
20 have a guardian appointed for the person on a voluntary
21 petition if the court determines that the person is mature
22 enough to provide informed consent to the appointment. The
23 bill takes effect upon enactment.

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