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HUMAN RESOURCES

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Passed House, Date _____ Passed Senate, Date _____
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to foreign and international adoption
2 requirements.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 600.15, Code Supplement 2001, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 600.15 FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS.

4 ~~1.---a. A decree establishing a parent-child relationship~~
5 ~~by adoption which is issued pursuant to due process of law by~~
6 ~~a juvenile court or court of any other jurisdiction in the~~
7 ~~United States or in the child's country of origin shall be~~
8 ~~recognized in this state.~~

9 ~~b.---A decree terminating a parent-child relationship which~~
10 ~~is issued pursuant to due process of law by a juvenile court~~
11 ~~or court of any other jurisdiction in the United States shall~~
12 ~~be recognized in this state.~~

13 ~~c.---Documentation demonstrating that a child has been~~
14 ~~legally released or approved for adoption by the child's~~
15 ~~country of origin shall be accepted as evidence that~~
16 ~~termination of parental rights has been completed in that~~
17 ~~country and shall be recognized in this state.~~

18 ~~2.---If an adoption has occurred in the minor person's~~
19 ~~country of origin, a further adoption must occur in the state~~
20 ~~where the adopting parents reside in accordance with the~~
21 ~~adoption laws of that state.~~

22 ~~3.---A licensed child-placing agency as defined in section~~
23 ~~238.27, a person making an independent placement as defined in~~
24 ~~section 600A.27, or an investigator may provide necessary~~
25 ~~assistance to an eligible citizen of Iowa who desires to, in~~
26 ~~accordance with the immigration laws of the United States,~~
27 ~~make an international adoption.~~

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill relates to foreign and international adoptions.
30 The bill replaces the current provisions relating to foreign
31 and international adoptions, including the requirement that if
32 an adoption occurred in the minor person's country of origin,
33 an additional adoption must occur in the state in which the
34 adopting parents reside and under the laws of that state, and
35 instead provides that a decree establishing a parent-child

1 relationship by adoption which is issued pursuant to due
2 process of law by a juvenile court or court of any
3 jurisdiction in the United States or in the minor person's
4 country of origin is recognized in this state.

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