

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to adoption; modifying time of consent; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.3 2018, section 259.24, subdivision 2a.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 259.24, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2a. **Time of consent; notice of intent to consent to adoption.** (a) Not sooner
1.7 than ~~72~~ 48 hours after the birth of a child and not later than 60 days after the child's placement
1.8 in a prospective adoptive home, a person whose consent is required under this section shall
1.9 execute a consent.

1.10 (b) Unless all birth parents from whom consent is required under this section are involved
1.11 in making the adoptive placement and intend to consent to the adoption, a birth parent who
1.12 intends to execute a consent to an adoption must give notice to the child's other birth parent
1.13 of the intent to consent to the adoption prior to or within ~~72~~ 48 hours following the placement
1.14 of the child, if the other birth parent's consent to the adoption is required under subdivision
1.15 1. The birth parent who receives notice shall have 60 days after the placement of the child
1.16 to either consent or refuse to consent to the adoption. If the birth parent who receives notice
1.17 fails to take either of these actions, that parent shall be deemed to have irrevocably consented
1.18 to the child's adoption. The notice provisions of chapter 260C and the rules of juvenile
1.19 protection procedure shall apply to both parents when the consent to adopt is executed under
1.20 section 260C.515, subdivision 3.

1.21 (c) When notice is required under this subdivision, it shall be provided to the other birth
1.22 parent according to the Rules of Civil Procedure for service of a summons and complaint.