

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0021

Intestate succession-adopted children.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Stubson and Greear and
Senator(s) Ross

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to intestate succession; eliminating the
2 right of an adopted child to inherit from both natural and
3 adoptive parents as specified; conforming a provision as
4 specified; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 2-4-107(a)(i) and 14-2-317(a)(ii) are
9 amended to read:

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11 **2-4-107. Determination of relationship of parent and**
12 **child.**

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1 (a) If for purposes of intestate succession, a
2 relationship of parent and child shall be established to
3 determine succession by, through or from a person:

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5 (i) An adopted person is the child of an
6 adopting parent ~~and of the natural parents~~ for inheritance
7 purposes, only. but the adoption of a child by the spouse
8 of a natural parent has no effect on the relationship
9 between the child and that natural parent for inheritance
10 purposes;

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12 **14-2-317. Effect of order of termination.**

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14 (a) An order terminating the parent-child legal
15 relationship divests the parent of all legal rights and
16 privileges and relieves the child of all duties to that
17 parent except:

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19 (ii) Except as provided in W.S. 2-4-107(a)(i),
20 the right of the child to inherit from the parent shall not
21 be affected by the order.

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