

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1999

H

1

HOUSE BILL 945

Short Title: Adoption Consent Revocation.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Decker.

Referred to: Children, Youth and Families.

April 8, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DAYS IN WHICH A PERSON MAY
2 REVOKE HIS OR HER CONSENT TO THE ADOPTION OF A CHILD LESS
3 THAN THREE MONTHS OF AGE.
4

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 48-3-608(a) reads as rewritten:

7 "(a) A consent to the adoption of an infant who is in utero or is three months old or
8 less at the time the consent is given may be revoked within ~~2~~10 days following the day
9 on which it is executed, inclusive of weekends and holidays. A consent to the adoption of
10 any other minor may be revoked within seven days following the day on which it is
11 executed, inclusive of weekends and holidays. If the final day of the revocation period
12 falls on a weekend or North Carolina or federal holiday, then the revocation period
13 extends to the next business day. The individual who gave the consent may revoke by
14 giving written notice to the person specified in the consent. Notice may be given by
15 personal delivery, overnight delivery service, or registered or certified mail, return receipt
16 requested. If notice is given by mail, notice is deemed complete when it is deposited in
17 the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the person to whom consent was
18 given at the address specified in the consent. If notice is given by overnight delivery
19 service, notice is deemed complete on the date it is deposited with the service as shown

- 1 by the receipt from the service, with delivery charges paid by the sender, addressed to the
- 2 person to whom consent was given at the address specified in the consent."
- 3 Section 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1999, and applies to consents
- 4 for adoption executed on or after that date.