

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0216

Child paternity.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Iekel, Berger and Ross

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming Parentage Act; eliminating
2 time limits for challenging acknowledgments or
3 adjudications of paternity; and providing for an effective
4 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. 14-2-602(a)(v), 14-2-608(a)(i) and
9 14-2-807(a) are amended to read:

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11 **14-2-602. Execution of acknowledgment of paternity.**

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13 (a) An acknowledgment of paternity shall:

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15 (v) State that the signatories understand that
16 the acknowledgment is the equivalent of a judicial
17 adjudication of paternity of the child and that a challenge

1 to the acknowledgment is permitted only under limited
2 circumstances ~~and is barred after two (2) years.~~

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4 **14-2-608. Challenge after expiration of period for**
5 **rescission.**

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7 (a) After the period for rescission under W.S.
8 14-2-607 has expired, a signatory of an acknowledgment of
9 paternity or denial of paternity may commence a proceeding
10 to challenge the acknowledgment or denial only:

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12 (i) On the basis of fraud, duress or material
13 mistake of fact ~~and~~

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15 **14-2-807. Limitation; child having presumed father.**

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17 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of
18 this section, a proceeding brought by a presumed father,
19 the mother, or another individual to adjudicate the
20 parentage of a child having a presumed father shall be
21 commenced within a reasonable time after obtaining
22 knowledge of relevant facts ~~but in no event later than~~
23 ~~five (5) years after the child's birth.~~

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1 **Section 2.** W.S. 14-2-608(a)(ii) and 14-2-809(b) are
2 repealed.

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4 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2004.

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