

SENATE FILE NO. SF0108

Grandparents visitation rights.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Perkins and Cooper and
Representative(s) Davison, Gilmore and Jaggi

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to grandparents visitation rights;
2 requiring notice to grandparents and caregivers having
3 court ordered visitation rights of a pending adoption;
4 authorizing grandparents to bring an action to establish
5 visitation rights when their grandchild has been adopted as
6 specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 1-22-104(c) by creating a new
11 paragraph (v), 1-22-107 by creating a new subsection (c)
12 and 20-7-101(c) is amended to read:

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14 **1-22-104. Petition for adoption of minor; by whom**
15 **filed; requisites; confidential nature; inspection;**
16 **separate journal to be kept.**

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2 (c) The following documents shall be filed with every
3 petition to adopt a child:

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5 (v) An affidavit stating the name or names of
6 persons awarded visitation rights to the child under W.S.
7 20-7-101 or 20-7-102 or an affidavit stating that no
8 visitation rights under W.S. 20-7-101 or 20-7-102 have been
9 awarded in regard to the child.

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11 **1-22-107. Service of petition and order; when service**
12 **by publication permitted; exception.**

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14 (c) Prior to the hearing a copy of the petition to
15 adopt a child and an order to show cause shall be served on
16 any persons awarded visitation rights to the child under
17 W.S. 20-7-101 or 20-7-102. The consent of persons awarded
18 visitation rights to the adoption is not required. However,
19 the court may exercise its discretion to allow those
20 persons an opportunity to be heard if the court finds it to
21 be in the best interest and welfare of the child.

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23 **20-7-101. Establishing grandparents' visitation**
24 **rights.**

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(c) No action to establish visitation rights may be brought by a grandparent under subsection (a) of this section if the minor grandchild has been adopted and neither adopting parent is ~~a natural parent of~~ related by blood to the child.

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8 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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10 (END)