

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to adoption; amending s. 63.042, F.S.;
 3 providing that a person who is a homosexual is eligible to
 4 be an adoptive parent under certain enumerated
 5 circumstances; requiring that the eligibility criteria be
 6 met by clear and convincing evidence; providing an
 7 effective date.

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 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 11 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 63.042, Florida
 12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 63.042 Who may be adopted; who may adopt.--

14 (3) A ~~No~~ person is not eligible to adopt under this
 15 section statute may adopt if that person is a homosexual unless
 16 a court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that the
 17 adoptee resides with the person proposing to adopt the adoptee,
 18 the adoptee recognizes the person as the adoptee's parent, and
 19 granting the adoptee permanency in that home is more important
 20 to the adoptee's developmental and psychological needs than
 21 maintaining the adoptee in a temporary placement.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.