

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 559
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THAT PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS BE
5 INFORMED ABOUT THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS FOR BECOMING A LICENSED FOSTER
6 PARENT; REQUIRING STATE-LICENSED CHILD-PLACING AGENCIES TO DISPLAY SIGNAGE; AND
7 REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE SIGNAGE
8 TO STATE-LICENSED CHILD-PLACING AGENCIES."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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12 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Information to be provided to prospective adoptive parents -- foster**
13 **care licensing.** (1) A department or state-licensed child placing agency from which an individual is seeking to
14 adopt a child shall provide the individual seeking to adopt with information related to the requirements and
15 process for becoming a licensed foster parent in this state.

16 (2) A state-licensed child-placing agency shall display signage and literature regarding the
17 requirements and process for becoming a licensed foster parent. Signage must be placed on the premises in a
18 manner that is visible to the public.

19 (3) The department of public health and human services shall provide signage and literature to all
20 state-licensed child-placing agencies for the purposes described in this section.

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22 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
23 integral part of Title 42, chapter 3, part 2, and the provisions of Title 42, chapter 3, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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