

**ACCESS TO ADOPTION RECORDS**

1999 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: David L. Zolman**

AN ACT RELATING TO ADOPTION; PROVIDING THAT 100 YEARS AFTER FINAL ADOPTION DECREE ENTERED, ADOPTION RECORDS BECOME PUBLIC; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

**78-30-15**, as last amended by Chapter 65, Laws of Utah 1990

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **78-30-15** is amended to read:

**78-30-15. Petition, report, and documents to be sealed -- Exceptions.**

The court shall order that the petition for adoption, the written report described in Section 78-30-14, and any other documents filed in connection with the hearing be sealed. Those items are not open to inspection or copying except:

(1) upon order of the court expressly permitting inspection or copying, after good cause has been shown~~[, or]~~;

(2) as provided under Section 78-30-18~~[, or]~~; or

(3) those records shall become public on the one hundredth anniversary of the date the final decree of adoption was entered.

Section 2. **Effective date.**

This act takes effect on July 1, 1999.