

1 **JOINT RESOLUTION URGING INTERSTATE SHARING OF**
2 **PUTATIVE FATHER REGISTRY INFORMATION**

3 2014 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Luz Robles**

6 House Sponsor: Ryan D. Wilcox

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This joint resolution of the Legislature urges actions to promote the interstate sharing of
11 putative father registry information.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

14 ▶ urges each state, district, and territory of the United States to enact the Compact for
15 Interstate Sharing of Putative Father Registry Information;

16 ▶ urges the Uniform Law Commission to develop model state laws that promote the
17 interstate sharing of putative father registry information; and

18 ▶ urges Congress to enact legislation that promotes the interstate sharing of putative
19 father registry information, while respecting state control over related public
20 policies.

21 **Special Clauses:**

22 None

24 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

25 WHEREAS, "putative father" means a man who may be the biological father of a child
26 by virtue of having had a sexual relationship with a woman to whom he is not married;

27 WHEREAS, "putative father registry" means a registry of putative fathers maintained



28 and used by a state as part of its legal process for protecting a putative father's rights;

29 WHEREAS, "state" includes a state, district, or territory of the United States;

30 WHEREAS, because states do not share putative father registry information, a putative
31 father must register with the state in which his child will be born to preserve the putative
32 father's rights;

33 WHEREAS, a putative father may not know in which state his child will be born if the
34 child's mother does not inform him of where she intends to give birth or if she misleads him
35 about where she intends to give birth;

36 WHEREAS, without accurate information about where his child will be born, a
37 putative father does not know in which state he must register to preserve his rights;

38 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has not yet enacted legislation facilitating the
39 interstate sharing of putative father registry information;

40 WHEREAS, Utah has created the Compact for Interstate Sharing of Putative Father
41 Registry Information, which any state, district, or territory of the United States may join by
42 enacting the compact into state law:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
44 urges each state, district, and territory of the United States to enact the Compact for Interstate
45 Sharing of Putative Father Registry Information.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah urges the
47 Uniform Law Commission to develop model state laws that promote the interstate sharing of
48 putative father registry information.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah urges the
50 United States Congress to enact legislation that promotes the interstate sharing of putative
51 father registry information, while respecting state control over related public policies.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the legislative
53 bodies of each state, district, and territory of the United States; the Uniform Law Commission;
54 the Majority Leader of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of
55 Representatives; and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

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