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	WRONGFUL DEATH ACTION AMENDMENTS
	2022 GENERAL SESSION
	STATE OF UTAH
	Chief Sponsor: Todd D. Weiler
	House Sponsor: Nelson T. Abbott
LO	NG TITLE
Gen	eral Description:
	This bill amends provisions related to a wrongful death action.
Hig	hlighted Provisions:
	This bill:
	► amends the definition of "heirs" for a wrongful death action; and
	<ul> <li>makes technical and conforming changes.</li> </ul>
Moi	ney Appropriated in this Bill:
	None
Oth	er Special Clauses:
	None
Uta	h Code Sections Affected:
AM	ENDS:
	78B-3-105, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3
Be i	t enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
	Section 1. Section <b>78B-3-105</b> is amended to read:
	78B-3-105. Definition of heirs.
	As used in Sections 78B-3-106 and 78B-3-107, "heirs" means[: (1)] the following
surv	riving persons:
	[ <del>(a)</del> ] <u>(1)</u> the decedent's spouse;
	[(b)] (2) the decedent's children as provided in Section 75-2-114;
	$\left[\frac{(c)}{(c)}\right]$ (3) (a) the decedent's natural parents $\left[\frac{1}{c}\right]$ ; or

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30	(b) if the decedent was adopted, [then his] the decedent's adoptive parents;
31	[ <del>(d)</del> ] <u>(4)</u> the decedent's stepchildren who:
32	[(i)] (a) are [in their minority] younger than 18 years old at the time of decedent's
33	death; and
34	[(ii) are primarily financially dependent on the decedent.]
35	(b) (i) received financial support from the decedent at the time of decedent's death; or
36	(ii) resided with the decedent on at least a part-time basis at the time of the decedent's
37	death; or
38	[(2)] (5) ["Heirs" means] any blood relative as provided by the law of intestate
39	succession if the decedent is not survived by a person under Subsection [Subsections (1)(a),
40	(b), or (c)] (1), (2), or (3).