

~~(2) COMMENCE A THOROUGH SEARCH OF THE MISSING CHILDREN INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE AND STATE AND NATIONAL RESOURCES LISTING MISSING CHILDREN TO ENSURE THAT THE RELINQUISHED NEWBORN HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED MISSING.~~

~~(C) AFTER DETERMINING THAT THE NEWBORN HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED MISSING, AND AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE FOLLOWING AN INITIAL 30 DAY PLACEMENT PERIOD, THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL FILE A PETITION TO TERMINATE THE PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THE RELINQUISHED NEWBORN IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 5-213 OF THIS TITLE.~~

~~(D) A HOSPITAL THAT ACCEPTS A NEWBORN UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF THE HOSPITAL SHALL BE IMMUNE FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR GOOD FAITH ACTIONS TAKEN RELATED TO THE RELINQUISHMENT OF OR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND CARE OF THE NEWBORN UNLESS DAMAGE OR INJURY TO THE NEWBORN WAS CAUSED BY WILLFUL OR WANTON MISCONDUCT OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE.~~

~~5-7B-03.~~

~~(A) A NATURAL PARENT WHO HAS NOT PARTICIPATED IN THE RELINQUISHMENT OF A NEWBORN MAY NOTIFY THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF THAT PARENT'S INTENT TO RETAIN PARENTAL RIGHTS WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE RELINQUISHMENT.~~

~~(B) A NATURAL PARENT WHO HAS RELINQUISHED A NEWBORN MAY REVOKE THAT PARENT'S INTENT TO RELINQUISH THE NEWBORN BY NOTIFYING THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF RELINQUISHMENT.~~

~~(C) (1) IF A CLAIM OF PARENTAL RIGHTS IS MADE BEFORE INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION UNDER § 5-213 OF THIS TITLE, THE COURT MAY STAY THE ACTION FOR INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 60 DAYS.~~

~~(2) IN DETERMINING WHETHER IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD TO RETURN THE CHILD TO THE OBJECTING PARENT DURING THE STAY:~~

~~(I) THE COURT SHALL ORDER GENETIC TESTING TO ESTABLISH MATERNITY OR PATERNITY, AND~~

~~(II) THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION AND HOME EVALUATION TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COURT.~~

~~(D) THE COURT SHALL MAKE A SPECIFIC FINDING, BASED ON THE FACTS IN THE RECORD, AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE RETURN OF THE CHILD TO THE CUSTODY OF THE NATURAL PARENT POSES AN UNACCEPTABLE RISK TO THE FUTURE AND SAFETY OF THE CHILD.~~

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~~THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING REGULATIONS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF NEWBORNS RELINQUISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.~~