



General Assembly

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**Amendment**

LCO No. 3750

Offered by:  
REP. FARR, 19th Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 5830      File No. 461      Cal. No. 371

***"An Act Concerning The Best Interest Of Children In Adoption Matters."***

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1      After line 266, insert the following:

2      "Sec. 5. (NEW) (a) For the purposes of sections 45a-724 and 45a-727  
3      of the general statutes, as amended by this act, prior to any adoption of  
4      the child, the person sharing parental responsibility for the child shall  
5      execute an affidavit with the appropriate evidence of joint residency  
6      and mutual dependence as provided in this section.

7      (b) The affidavit shall certify under penalty of false statement that  
8      such person (1) is in a relationship of mutual support, caring and  
9      commitment, and intends to remain in such relationship for the  
10     indefinite future; (2) is not married to anyone else; (3) is the sole  
11     domestic partner of the other partner; (4) is not related by blood to the  
12     domestic partner; (5) is at least eighteen years of age and competent to  
13     contract; (6) shares a common legal residence with the domestic  
14     partner, and has shared a common legal residence for at least twelve  
15     months prior to the date of the execution of the affidavit; and (7) is  
16     jointly responsible with the domestic partner for maintaining the

17 common household.

18 (c) The evidence of mutual dependence shall be any two of the  
19 following: (1) Ownership of a joint bank account; (2) ownership of a  
20 joint credit card; (3) a joint obligation on a loan; (4) evidence of a joint  
21 mortgage or lease; (5) common household expenses; (6) joint  
22 ownership of a motor vehicle; (7) execution of wills naming each other  
23 as executor and beneficiary; (8) granting each other durable power of  
24 attorney; (9) granting each other power of attorney; (10) designation of  
25 one or the other as beneficiary under a retirement benefits account; or  
26 (11) evidence of any other joint responsibility."