

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2003 SESSION

CHAPTER 779

An Act to amend and reenact § 63.2-1225 of the Code of Virginia, relating to parental placement adoptions.

[H 1514]

Approved March 20, 2003

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 63.2-1225 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 63.2-1225. Determination of appropriate home.

In determining the appropriate home in which to place a child for adoption, a married couple or an unmarried individual shall be eligible to receive placement of a child for purposes of adoption. *When an agency or a local board accepts custody of the child for the purpose of placing the child for adoption with adoptive parents who have been designated by the birth parents, the agency or local board may give consideration for placement of the child to the designated adoptive parents if the agency or local board finds such placement to be in the best interests of the child.* In addition, the agency or board may consider the recommendations of a physician or attorney licensed in the Commonwealth, or a clergyman who is familiar with the situation of the prospective adoptive parents or the child. The physician, attorney or clergyman shall not charge any fee for recommending such a placement to a board or agency and shall not advertise that he is available to make such recommendations.