

Chairman Hillyer, Vice Chair Grendell, Ranking Member Galonski and members of the Civil Justice Committee,

I speak today in support of HB108. No parent should have to find a parent that walked away in order to cremate their child.

I am shocked a parent would have to wait to cremate their child!

When dead beat parent walk away from their child/children, pay no support, never visit or even contact them for periods of time the law needs to be changed for those who are left to care for the child/children. The law as it stands puts a hardship on the custodial parent, grandparent or custodial relatives who need to make legal decisions concerning the adoption and death services of these children.

In my case I could not adopt my grandchildren until there was an all out search for the mother (my daughter) to notify her the children were going to be adopted even though she did not support or visit them for three years. This delayed the adoption for months and she was never located. These people STOP being a parent when they walk away!

I respectfully request the law be changed under HB108 to give legal rights to the custodial parent and/or the custodial grandparents or other custodial relatives.

Sincerely,

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