

HOUSE BILL 61

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 24,
Chapter 7; Title 36, Chapter 2 and Title 68,
Chapter 3, relative to parentage.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-2-304, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

() The presumption under subsection (a) does not apply to a man who is married to a child's mother if:

(1) The man and the child's mother were physically separated in a manner that prevented physical contact for a period exceeding three hundred (300) consecutive days immediately preceding the birth of the child; or

(2) The man was medically incapable of conceiving the child due to a physical disability or limitation, amputation, medical sterilization procedure, or other medical condition that has eliminated the man's reproductive capability.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to births occurring on or after that date.