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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE –Today, the House of Representatives voted to pass [HB 1162](#), as amended, which modernizes the adoption statute, allowing unmarried couples to adopt, and updates NH’s parentage law so that parents using assisted reproductive technology to build their families can obtain court orders securing their legal parentage. **Representative Ed Butler (D-Harts Location)**, prime sponsor of the legislation, released the following statement:

“This bill eliminates gaps in our laws and ensures that all children have access to the legal security of adoption and further ensures that all families formed through assisted reproduction are legally secured.”

“HB 1162 is a bipartisan effort to protect children by removing an outdated restriction and putting the proper focus on a caring and loving family. I am pleased that my colleagues have joined me in modernizing our laws in response to the requests of vulnerable families throughout the Granite State.”

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