

HB 1653 -- ADOPTION DECEPTION

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This bill creates the offense of adoption deception that is a class E felony. In addition to penalties, the court may order restitution to any prospective adoptive parent, attorney, or licensed child placing agency that incurs an expense as a result of the offense.

An offense occurs when a woman holds herself out to be a birth mother and benefits from adoption-related expenses paid when she is not pregnant, does not intend to make an adoptive placement, or accepts payments from two or more prospective adoptive parents.