## HOUSE BILL NO. 442

# INTRODUCED BY J. BROWN, BERGENE

# BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

#### IN THE HOUSE

January 23, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
February 16, 1985	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
February 18, 1985	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 19, 1985	Second reading, do pass.
	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 20, 1985	Third reading, passed.
	Transmitted to Senate.

#### IN THE SENATE

February 22, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
March 28, 1985	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 30, 1985	Second reading, concurred in.
April 1, 1985	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 47; Noes, 0.
	Returned to House.

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April 2, 1985

Received from Senate.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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- (2) After the presumption has been rebutted, paternity of the child by another man may be determined in the same action if he has been made a party.
  - (3) An action to determine the existence or



nonexistence of the father and child relationship as to a child who has no presumed father under 40-6-105 may not be 2 3 brought later than 3 years after the-birth-of the child attains the age of majority.

- (4) Sections 40-6-107 and 40-6-108 do not extend the time within which a right of inheritance or a right to a succession may be asserted beyond the time provided by law relating to distribution and closing of decedents' estates or to the determination of heirship or otherwise.
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