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for individuals having an infirmity or a physical or mental impairment (which can also just be partial or temporary) that does not allow to such individuals to look after their affairs and which provide for the appointment of a guardian (i.e. amministratore di sostegno) by the competent court. According to the Author's opinion, when ruling in connection with the custody of an adult that suffers severe disability, the Italian courts should apply to the decision not only the provision protecting minors, but also those protecting individuals suffering of infirmity or a physical or mental impairment, taking into account the specific case and the specific interests of the individual that has need of protection.

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Parte II **Giurisprudenza**

Cass. civ., sez. I, 22 giugno 2016, n. 12962, con nota di CLAUDIA IRTI, *L'adozione del figlio del convivente (omosessuale): la Cassazione accoglie l'interpretazione evolutiva dell'art. 44, lett. d), l. n. 184 del 1983*» 295

Abstract. In the absence of express regulation, the Italian Supreme Court (Corte di Cassazione) recently ruled that a same sex partner is authorized to adopt the child of its partner based upon an extensive interpretation of article 44, paragraph I, lett. d) of the Italian Adoption Statute (l. 183/1983), finally confirming the interpretation of such article given previously by other lower Italian courts (either as a consequence of an evolutionary and extensive interpretation of such article, or though the enforcement in Italy of foreign judgements that recognized in Italy the adoption of same-sex couples legally obtained in other jurisdictions). The paper focuses on the evolution of the interpretation of the provision of the Italian Adoption Statute, as well as on the relationship between such interpretation and the absence of an express ruling of the “step-child adoption” and more in general of the same-sex couple adoption in the new law on Civil Unions.