

1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Vital Records Act is amended by adding
5 Section 25.4 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 535/25.4 new)

7 Sec. 25.4. Youth in care birth record request.

8 (a) For the purposes of this Section, an individual's
9 status as a youth in care may be verified:

10 (1) with a copy of the court order placing the youth in
11 the guardianship or custody of the Department of Children
12 and Family Services or terminating the Department of
13 Children and Family Services' guardianship or custody of
14 the youth; or

15 (2) by a human services agency, legal services agency,
16 or other similar agency that has knowledge of the
17 individual's youth in care status, including, but not
18 limited to:

19 (A) a child welfare agency, including the
20 Department of Children and Family Services; or

21 (B) the attorney or guardian ad litem who served as
22 the youth in care's attorney or guardian ad litem
23 during proceedings under the Juvenile Court Act.

1 A person described in subsection (b) of this Section must
2 not be charged for verification under this Section.

3 A person who knowingly or purposefully falsifies this
4 verification is subject to a penalty of \$100.

5 (b) The applicable fees under Section 25 of this Act for a
6 search for a birth record or a certified copy of a birth record
7 shall be waived for all requests made by:

8 (1) a youth in care, as defined in Section 4d of the
9 Children and Family Services Act, whose status is verified
10 under subsection (a) of this Section; or

11 (2) a person under the age of 27 who was a youth in
12 care, as defined in Section 4d of the Children and Family
13 Services Act, on or after his or her 18th birthday and
14 whose status is verified under subsection (a) of this
15 Section.

16 The State Registrar of Vital Records shall establish
17 standards and procedures consistent with this Section for
18 waiver of the applicable fees.

19 (c) A person shall be provided no more than 4 birth records
20 annually under this Section.