

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.