

1 AN ACT concerning public 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 changing  
5 Section 16.1 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 535/16.1) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73-16.1)

7 Sec. 16.1. When it appears from a certificate of adoption  
8 transmitted to the State Registrar of Vital Records, pursuant  
9 to the provisions of Section 16 of this Act, that the child was  
10 born outside of the United States or its Territories, then,  
11 upon submission to the State Registrar of Vital Records of  
12 evidence as to the child's birth date and birthplace provided  
13 by the original birth certificate, or by a certified copy,  
14 extract, or translation thereof or by other document  
15 essentially equivalent thereto (the records of the U.S.  
16 Citizenship and Immigration Services ~~Immigration and~~  
17 ~~Naturalization Service~~ or of the U.S. Department of State to be  
18 considered essentially equivalent thereto), the State  
19 Registrar of Vital Records shall make and file a Record of  
20 Foreign Birth. The State Registrar of Vital Records may make  
21 and file a Record of Foreign Birth for a person born in a  
22 foreign country who has been granted an IR-3 or IH-3 visa by  
23 the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ~~Immigration and~~

1 ~~Naturalization Service~~ under the Immigration and Nationality  
2 Act and who was adopted under the laws of a jurisdiction or  
3 country other than the United States by an adopting parent who  
4 is a resident of this State upon the submission to the State  
5 Registrar of Vital Records of: (1) evidence as to the child's  
6 birth date and birthplace (including the country of birth and  
7 if available, the city and province of birth) provided by the  
8 original birth certificate, or by a certified copy, extract, or  
9 translation thereof or by other document essentially  
10 equivalent thereto (the records of the U.S. Citizenship and  
11 Immigration Services ~~Immigration and Naturalization Service~~ or  
12 of the U.S. Department of State to be considered essentially  
13 equivalent thereto); (2) a certified copy, extract, or  
14 translation of the adoption decree or by other document  
15 essentially equivalent thereto (the records of the U.S.  
16 Citizenship and Immigration Services ~~Immigration and~~  
17 ~~Naturalization Service~~ or of the U.S. Department of State to be  
18 considered essentially equivalent thereto); (3) a copy of the  
19 IR-3 or IH-3 visa; and (4) the name and address of the adoption  
20 agency that handled the adoption. The Record of Foreign Birth  
21 shall include the actual place and date of birth, the child's  
22 name and parentage as ordered in the judgment of adoption and  
23 any other necessary facts.

24       Upon the specific written request by the person to whom the  
25 Record of Foreign Birth relates or by his or her legal  
26 representative, or by an agency of local, state or federal

1 government, or upon the order of a court of competent  
2 jurisdiction and upon payment of a fee of \$5 by the applicant,  
3 the State Registrar of Vital Records shall issue to such  
4 applicant one certification or a certified copy of the  
5 specified Record of Foreign Birth.

6 Upon receipt of a certified copy of a court order of  
7 annulment of adoption or a court order vacating a judgment of  
8 adoption of an adopted person for whom a Record of Foreign  
9 Birth has been made and filed under the provisions of this  
10 Section the State Registrar of Vital Records shall nullify and  
11 void such Record of Foreign Birth by entering on its face the  
12 statement "This Record is declared null and void upon the basis  
13 of a court judgment annulling or vacating this adoption upon  
14 which this Record is based" and a notation identifying the  
15 court judgment.

16 The provisions of this Section shall also be applicable to,  
17 and shall inure to the benefit of all persons for whom a  
18 judgment of adoption has been entered in a court in this State  
19 prior to August 26, 1963. In such cases the applicant shall  
20 furnish the State Registrar of Vital Records with a certified  
21 copy of the adoption judgment together with affidavits as to  
22 the personal particulars of the foster parents in lieu of the  
23 certificate of adoption specified in Section 16 of this Act. In  
24 every case wherein the State Registrar of Vital Records has  
25 previously been furnished with a certificate of adoption  
26 involving a foreign born child adopted in Illinois, a certified

1 copy of the adoption judgment and affidavits of personal  
2 particulars are not necessary, but the State Registrar of Vital  
3 Records shall make and file a Record of Foreign Birth in the  
4 same manner and fashion as if the certificate of adoption has  
5 been furnished him after August 26, 1963.

6 (Source: P.A. 93-645, eff. 12-31-03.)

7 Section 10. The Adoption Act is amended by changing Section  
8 18.05 as follows:

9 (750 ILCS 50/18.05)

10 Sec. 18.05. The Illinois Adoption Registry and Medical  
11 Information Exchange.

12 (a) General function. Subject to appropriation, the  
13 Department of Public Health shall administer the Illinois  
14 Adoption Registry and Medical Information Exchange in the  
15 manner outlined in subsections (b) and (c) for the purpose of  
16 facilitating the voluntary exchange of identifying and medical  
17 information between mutually consenting members of birth and  
18 adoptive families. The Department shall establish rules for the  
19 confidential operation of the Illinois Adoption Registry. The  
20 Department shall appoint an OBC-Access Public Information  
21 Campaign Oversight Committee comprised of, but not limited to,  
22 representatives of the Department of Public Health and the  
23 Department of Children and Family Services, as well as  
24 representatives of the organizations that serve, as of the

1 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General  
2 Assembly, on the Illinois Adoption Registry Advisory Council or  
3 the Confidential Intermediary Advisory Council. On and after  
4 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General  
5 Assembly, the OBC-Access Public Information Campaign Oversight  
6 Committee shall develop and ensure the timely implementation of  
7 a year-long, nationwide campaign to be conducted from November  
8 1, 2010, through October 31, 2011, for the express purpose of  
9 informing the public in earnest about the conditions under  
10 which an adult adopted or surrendered person may receive a  
11 non-certified copy of his or her original birth certificate,  
12 and the procedures pursuant to which a birth parent may file a  
13 Birth Parent Preference Form to express his or her wishes with  
14 respect to contact with a surrendered son or daughter and the  
15 release of identifying information that appears on the original  
16 birth certificate. This year-long informational campaign shall  
17 include, but not be limited to:

18 (1) Public service announcements to be distributed to  
19 local and national radio and television stations.

20 (2) Notices to be distributed throughout Illinois to  
21 physicians' offices, religious institutions, social  
22 welfare organizations, retirement homes, and other  
23 entities capable of reaching individuals who may be  
24 impacted by this change in the law.

25 (3) An informational website exclusively devoted to  
26 providing the general public with information about the new

1 law as well as other forms of free electronic media.

2 (4) Press releases to be distributed to local and  
3 national radio and television stations, as well as to  
4 relevant websites.

5 (5) Announcements about the new law to be posted on the  
6 websites of all adoption agencies licensed in the State.

7 (6) Notices accompanying every vehicle registration  
8 renewal application issued by the Secretary of State's  
9 office between October 31, 2010, and November 1, 2011.

10 (7) Notices enclosed with driver's license renewal  
11 applications issued by the Secretary of State's office  
12 beginning 30 days after the effective date of this  
13 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly and through  
14 November 30, 2014.

15 The Illinois Adoption Registry shall also maintain an  
16 informational Internet site where interested parties may  
17 access information about the Illinois Adoption Registry and  
18 Medical Information Exchange and download all necessary  
19 application forms. The Illinois Adoption Registry shall  
20 maintain statistical records regarding Registry participation  
21 and publish and circulate to the public informational material  
22 about the function and operation of the Registry.

23 (b) Establishment of the Adoption/Surrender Records File.  
24 When a person has voluntarily registered with the Illinois  
25 Adoption Registry and completed an Illinois Adoption Registry  
26 Application or a Registration Identification Form, the

1 Registry shall establish a new Adoption/Surrender Records  
2 File. Such file may concern an adoption that was finalized by a  
3 court action in the State of Illinois, an adoption of a person  
4 born in Illinois finalized by a court action in a state other  
5 than Illinois or in a foreign country, a surrender taken in the  
6 State of Illinois, or an adoption filed according to Section  
7 16.1 of the Vital Records Act under a Record of Foreign Birth  
8 that was not finalized by a court action in the State of  
9 Illinois. Such file may be established for adoptions or  
10 surrenders finalized prior to as well as after the effective  
11 date of this amendatory Act. A file may be created in any  
12 manner to preserve documents including but not limited to  
13 microfilm, optical imaging, or electronic documents.

14 (c) Contents of the Adoption/Surrender Records File. An  
15 established Adoption/Surrender Records File shall be limited  
16 to the following items, to the extent that they are available:

17 (1) The General Information Section and Medical  
18 Information Exchange Questionnaire of any Illinois  
19 Adoption Registry Application or a Registration  
20 Identification Form which has been voluntarily completed  
21 by any registered party.

22 (2) Any photographs voluntarily provided by any  
23 registrant for any other registered party at the time of  
24 registration or any time thereafter. All such photographs  
25 shall be submitted in an unsealed envelope no larger than 8  
26 1/2" x 11", and shall not include identifying information

1           pertaining to any person other than the registrant who  
2           submitted them. Any such identifying information shall be  
3           redacted by the Department or the information shall be  
4           returned for removal of identifying information.

5           (3) Any Information Exchange Authorization, Denial of  
6           Information Exchange, or Birth Parent Preference Form  
7           which has been filed by a registrant.

8           (4) For all adoptions finalized after January 1, 2000,  
9           copies of the original certificate of live birth and the  
10          certificate of adoption.

11          (5) Any updated address submitted by any registered  
12          party about himself or herself.

13          (6) Any proof of death that has been submitted by a  
14          registrant.

15          (7) Any birth certificate that has been submitted by a  
16          registrant.

17          (8) Any marriage certificate that has been submitted by  
18          a registrant.

19          (9) Any proof of guardianship that has been submitted  
20          by a registrant.

21          (10) Any Request for a Non-Certified Copy of an  
22          Original Birth Certificate that has been filed with the  
23          Registry by an adult adopted or surrendered person or by a  
24          surviving adult child or surviving spouse of a deceased  
25          adopted or surrendered person who has registered with the  
26          Registry.



1 (d) An established Adoption/Surrender Records File for an  
2 adoption filed in Illinois under a Record of Foreign Birth that  
3 was not finalized in a court action in the State of Illinois  
4 shall be limited to the following items submitted to the State  
5 Registrar of Vital Records under Section 16.1 of the Vital  
6 Records Act, to the extent that they are available:

7 (1) Evidence as to the child's birth date and  
8 birthplace (including the country of birth and, if  
9 available, the city and province of birth) provided by the  
10 original birth certificate, or by a certified copy,  
11 extract, or translation thereof or by other document  
12 essentially equivalent thereto (the records of the U.S.  
13 Citizenship and Immigration Services or of the U.S.  
14 Department of State to be considered essentially  
15 equivalent thereto).

16 (2) A certified copy, extract, or translation of the  
17 adoption decree or other document essentially equivalent  
18 thereto (the records of the U.S. Citizenship and  
19 Immigration Services or of the U.S. Department of State to  
20 be considered essentially equivalent thereto).

21 (3) A copy of the IR-3 or IH-3 visa.

22 (4) The name and address of the adoption agency that  
23 handled the adoption.

24 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 96-895, eff. 5-21-10.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
26 becoming law.