



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING BIRTH CERTIFICATES OF ADOPTED
PERSONS AND CONTACT PREFERENCE FORMS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 That section 7-53 of the general statutes be amended to provide the
2 following:

3 (1) Upon receipt of a written application to a state or local registrar
4 of vital statistics, any adopted person twenty-one years of age or older
5 born in the state of Connecticut shall be issued a certified copy of such
6 person's unaltered, original and unamended certificate of birth in the
7 custody of said registrar, with procedures, filing fees and waiting
8 periods identical to those imposed upon nonadopted citizens of the
9 State of Connecticut;

10 (2) Any birth parent may at any time request from a voluntary
11 adoption agency a Contact Preference Form that shall accompany a
12 certificate of birth issued under subsection (1) of this section. The
13 Contact preference Form shall indicate whether the birth parent
14 consents to be contacted, consents to be contacted only by an

15 intermediary, or does not consent to be contacted, but has completed a
16 medical history on file with the voluntary adoption agency;

17 (3) A completed Contact Preference Form shall be confidential and
18 shall be placed in a secure file until a match with the adopted person's
19 sealed file is made and the Contact Preference Form is placed in the
20 adopted person's file; and

21 (4) Only those persons who are authorized to process applications
22 made under subsection (1) of this section may process Contact
23 Preference Forms.

Statement of Purpose:

To allow adopted persons to gain access to their original birth certificates and allow biological parents to express a contact preference.