AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES BY ADULT ADOPTED PERSONS.

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

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 7-53 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2020):

(c) Upon written request, the registrar of vital statistics of the town of an adopted person's birth shall, not later than thirty days after such written request, issue an uncertified copy of an original certificate of birth to (1) such adopted person if he or she is eighteen years of age or older, or (2) such adopted person's adult child or grandchild. Such certificate shall be marked with a notation by the issuer that such original certificate of birth has been superseded by a replacement certificate of birth as on file. Additionally, a notice stating that information related to the birth parents' preferences regarding contact by such adopted person or such adopted person's adult child or grandchild and a medical health history form completed by the birth parent may be on file with the Department of Children and Families shall be printed on such certificate or attached thereto.

Sec. 2. Section 7-53a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2020):

(a) Not later than January 1, 2016, and annually thereafter until January 1, 2021, the Commissioner of Public Health shall submit a
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report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, concerning
the number of original birth certificates issued annually to adopted
persons eighteen years of age or older whose adoption was finalized on
or after October 1, 1983, or the adult children or grandchildren of
adopted persons in accordance with section 7-53, to the joint standing
committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
relating to public health.]

[(b)] Not later than January 1, [2016] 2021, and annually thereafter
until January 1, [2021] 2026, the Commissioner of Children and Families
shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a,
concerning the number of contact preference forms and medical health
history forms annually filed with the [department] Department of
Children and Families in accordance with section 17a-60a to the joint
standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
matters relating to public health. The report shall include the number of
birth parents that selected each option described in section 17a-60a.

Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 45a-751b of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2020):

(c) Regardless of the date parental rights were terminated, on or after
July 1, [2015, the Department of Public Health shall, upon] 2020, the
registrar of vital statistics of the town of an adopted person's birth shall,
not later than thirty days after a written request, issue an uncertified
copy of an original birth certificate to [an] such adopted person if he or
she is eighteen years of age or older [who is] and the subject of [the] such
birth certificate, [and whose adoption was finalized on or after October
1, 1983,] or to such adopted person's adult child or grandchild, in
accordance with the provisions of section 7-53, as amended by this act.

Sec. 4. Section 45a-751c of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2020, and
applicable to petitions filed on and after July 1, 2020):

(a) On the petition of an adopted person who is eighteen years of age
or older and whose adoption was finalized prior to October 1, 1983, or
such adopted person's adult child or grandchild, the Probate Court or
the Superior Court that finalized an adoption or appointed a guardian
ad litem in accordance with section 45a-753 shall issue an order
directing the Department of Public Health to issue an uncertified copy
of an original birth certificate to such adopted person or such adopted
person's child or grandchild in accordance with subsection (b) of section
7-53, provided each birth parent named on the original birth certificate:
(1) Consents to the release of identifying information in accordance with
sections 45a-751 to 45a-751b, inclusive; (2) is deceased; or (3) a legal
representative or guardian ad litem consents to the release of identifying
information on behalf of the birth parent in accordance with section 45a-
753. Nothing in this section shall limit the right of an adopted person
eighteen years of age or older whose adoption was finalized on or after
October 1, 1983, or such adopted person's adult child or grandchild to
obtain an uncertified copy of an original birth certificate pursuant to
section 7-53.]

[(b)] On the petition of an authorized applicant, as defined in section
45a-743, the Probate Court or the Superior Court that finalized an
adoption or appointed a guardian ad litem in accordance with section
45a-753 shall issue an order directing the Department of Public Health
to issue an uncertified copy of an original birth certificate to the
authorized applicant in accordance with subsection (b) of section 7-53,
provided the person named in the certificate of birth is deceased and (1)
each birth parent named on the original birth certificate [: (1) Consents]
(A) consents to the release of identifying information, in accordance
with sections 45a-751 to 45a-751b, inclusive, as amended by this act, [:
(2) is deceased; or (3)] or (B) is deceased, or (2) a legal representative or
guardian ad litem consents to the release of identifying information on
behalf of the birth parent, in accordance with section 45a-753.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:

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