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LCO No. 1733



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

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:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 7-53 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2021*):

4 (c) Upon written request, the [department shall] registrar of vital
5 statistics of the municipality of an adopted person's birth shall, not later
6 than thirty days after such written request, issue an uncertified copy of
7 an original certificate of birth to (1) [an] such adopted person [who] if
8 he or she is eighteen years of age or older, [whose adoption was
9 finalized on or after October 1, 1983,] or (2) such adopted person's adult
10 child or grandchild. Such certificate shall be marked with a notation by
11 the issuer that such original certificate of birth has been superseded by
12 a replacement certificate of birth as on file. Additionally, a notice stating
13 that information related to the birth parents' preferences regarding
14 contact by such adopted person or such adopted person's adult child or

15 grandchild and a medical health history form completed by the birth
16 parent may be on file with the Department of Children and Families
17 shall be printed on such certificate or attached thereto.

18 Sec. 2. Section 7-53a of the general statutes is repealed and the
19 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

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

29 [(b)] Not later than January 1, [2016] 2022, and annually thereafter
30 until January 1, [2021] 2027, the Commissioner of Children and Families
31 shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a,
32 concerning the number of contact preference forms and medical health
33 history forms annually filed with the [department] Department of
34 Children and Families in accordance with section 17a-60a to the joint
35 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
36 matters relating to public health. The report shall include the number of
37 birth parents that selected each option described in section 17a-60a.

38 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 45a-751b of the general statutes is
39 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
40 *2021*):

41 (c) Regardless of the date parental rights were terminated, on or after
42 July 1, [2015, the Department of Public Health shall, upon] 2021, the
43 registrar of vital statistics of the municipality of an adopted person's
44 birth shall, not later than thirty days after a written request, issue an
45 uncertified copy of an original birth certificate to [an] such adopted

46 person if he or she is eighteen years of age or older [who is] and the
47 subject of [the] such birth certificate, [and whose adoption was finalized
48 on or after October 1, 1983,] or to such adopted person's adult child or
49 grandchild, in accordance with the provisions of section 7-53, as
50 amended by this act.

51 Sec. 4. Section 45a-751c of the general statutes is repealed and the
52 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021, and*
53 *applicable to petitions filed on and after July 1, 2020*):

54 [(a) On the petition of an adopted person who is eighteen years of age
55 or older and whose adoption was finalized prior to October 1, 1983, or
56 such adopted person's adult child or grandchild, the Probate Court or
57 the Superior Court that finalized an adoption or appointed a guardian
58 ad litem in accordance with section 45a-753 shall issue an order
59 directing the Department of Public Health to issue an uncertified copy
60 of an original birth certificate to such adopted person or such adopted
61 person's child or grandchild in accordance with subsection (b) of section
62 7-53, provided each birth parent named on the original birth certificate:
63 (1) Consents to the release of identifying information in accordance with
64 sections 45a-751 to 45a-751b, inclusive; (2) is deceased; or (3) a legal
65 representative or guardian ad litem consents to the release of identifying
66 information on behalf of the birth parent in accordance with section 45a-
67 753. Nothing in this section shall limit the right of an adopted person
68 eighteen years of age or older whose adoption was finalized on or after
69 October 1, 1983, or such adopted person's adult child or grandchild to
70 obtain an uncertified copy of an original birth certificate pursuant to
71 section 7-53.]

72 [(b)] On the petition of an authorized applicant, as defined in section
73 45a-743, the Probate Court or the Superior Court that finalized an
74 adoption or appointed a guardian ad litem in accordance with section
75 45a-753 shall issue an order directing the Department of Public Health
76 to issue an uncertified copy of an original birth certificate to the
77 authorized applicant in accordance with subsection (b) of section 7-53,
78 provided the person named in the certificate of birth is deceased and (1)

79 each birth parent named on the original birth certificate [:(1) Consents]
80 (A) consents to the release of identifying information, in accordance
81 with sections 45a-751 to 45a-751b, inclusive, as amended by this act, [;
82 (2) is deceased; or (3)] or (B) is deceased, or (2) a legal representative or
83 guardian ad litem consents to the release of identifying information on
84 behalf of the birth parent, in accordance with section 45a-753.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	7-53(c)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	7-53a
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	45a-751b(c)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2021, and applicable to petitions filed on and after July 1, 2020</i>	45a-751c

PD *Joint Favorable*