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**ADOPTEE'S ACCESS TO BIRTH RECORD**

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**House Bill 5607**

**Sponsor: Rep. Michael J. Bennane**

**Committee: Public Health**

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**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5607 AS INTRODUCED 5-5-88**

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to allow an adopted person to get a non-certified copy of his or her original birth certificate by writing to the state registrar.

Currently, when someone born in this state is adopted, the registrar establishes a new certificate of adoption which is substituted for the original certificate of live birth. All copies of the original certificate (and the evidence of adoption) are sealed from inspection and are not opened to inspection except upon court order. However, upon written request from an adult adoptee the Department of Public Health may reveal the name and location of the court which finalized the adoption.

The bill would amend the code to allow the department to provide, in addition, a noncertified copy of an original certificate of birth to an adoptee at least 18 years old who requests this information. If one of the biological parents of the adoptee had filed a denial of release of identifying information, the department would delete that identifying information from the original birth certificate before releasing the certificate to the adoptee.

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