



House Bill No. 6105

Public Act No. 21-21

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. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 7-53 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section and section 45a-751c, as amended by this act, an original certificate of birth may only be issued if the person named in the certificate of birth is deceased and the person seeking to obtain such certificate of birth is an authorized applicant, as defined in section 45a-743. Any authorized applicant seeking to obtain a copy of the original certificate of birth shall first obtain a written court order issued in accordance with section 45a-751c, as amended by this act. Upon receipt of such court order, the [department] registrar of vital statistics of the municipality of an adopted person's birth may issue an uncertified copy of the original certificate of birth on file, marked with a notation by the issuer that such original certificate of birth has been superseded by a replacement certificate of birth as on file.

(c) Upon written request, the [department shall] registrar of vital

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statistics of the municipality 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) [an] such adopted person [who] if he or she is eighteen years of age or older, [whose adoption was finalized on or after October 1, 1983,] or (2) such adopted person's [adult] child or grandchild, provided such child or grandchild is eighteen years of age or older. Such certificate shall be marked with a notation by the issuer that such original certificate of birth has been superseded by a replacement certificate of birth as on file.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. Subsection (c) of section 45a-751b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(c) Regardless of the date parental rights were terminated, on or after July 1, [2015, the Department of Public Health shall, upon] 2021, the registrar of vital statistics of the municipality 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. 3. Section 45a-751c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021, and applicable to petitions filed on and after July 1, 2021*):

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[(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] registrar of vital statistics of the municipality of an adopted person's birth to issue an uncertified copy of an original birth certificate to the authorized applicant in accordance with subsection (b) of section 7-53, as amended by this act, 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

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section 45a-753.

Sec. 4. Section 7-53a of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2021*)

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