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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 412 (Judiciary)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to adoption medical records; and

7 providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 18.50 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 6. ADOPTION INFORMATION.

11 Sec. 18.50.500. ACCESS TO ADOPTION INFORMATION. Upon request,

12 the state registrar shall provide the adoptive parents of a person or

13 the adopted person with whatever nonidentifying information is avail-

14 able on the medical history of each biological parent, adopted person,

15 and blood relative of each biological parent. The information shall

16 be on a standardized form prepared by the department.

17 Sec. 18.50.510. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS. (a) The department, a

18 child adoption agency, or a person authorized by law to place a person

19 for adoption shall furnish the state registrar the information con-

20 cerning biological parents required under AS 18.50.500 for all adop-

21 tions. If the information concerning biological parents and adopted

22 person and blood relatives of each biological parent required under

23 AS 18.50.500 is requested but is not available for an adoption, the

24 state registrar shall attempt to obtain the required information from

25 the child adoption agency, records of the department, or court adop-

26 tion records, or a person placing a person for adoption.

27 (b) A child adoption agency licensed under AS 47.35.100 and a

28 person authorized by law to place a person for adoption shall maintain

29 records required under this chapter or by the regulations of the

1 commissioner. If a child adoption agency or a person placing a person
2 for adoption ceases to place persons for adoption, it shall transfer
3 its records to the commissioner.
4 Sec. 18.50.520. DEFINITIONS. In AS 18.50.500 - 18.50.520
5 (1) "adoptive parent" means a parent who adopted a person
6 under AS 25.23;
7 (2) "biological parent" means a birth parent who is named
8 on the original certificate of birth of an adopted person;
9 (3) "child adoption agency" means a child adoption agency
10 licensed under AS 47.35.100;
11 (4) "medical history" means information identifying pre-
12 vious medical conditions and their treatment, immunization records,
13 and other medical information that would be relevant to the health
14 care of a genetically-related person.
15 * Sec. 2. AS 25.23.080(c) is amended to read:
16 (c) A certified copy of the birth certificate or verification of
17 the birth record of the person to be adopted, if available, the non-
18 identifying information specified in AS 18.50.500, if available, and
19 the required consents, relinquishments, and termination orders shall
20 be filed with the clerk by the person or agency petitioning for
21 adoption.
22 * Sec. 3. AS 25.23 is amended by adding a new section to read:
23 Sec. 25.23.185. RECORDS AND INFORMATION. (a) A person or
24 agency petitioning for adoption shall obtain from each known biologi-
25 cal parent of the adopted person for the state registrar the informa-
26 tion described in AS 18.50.500 on a form prepared by the department.
27 (b) The information provided by a biological parent under (a) of
28 this section shall be filed with the state registrar.
29 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 1985.