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IN THE HOUSE BY SZYMANSKI,GOLL AND BOUCHER

HOUSE BILL NO. 2

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to adoption medical records; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

ARTICLE 6. ADOPTION INFORMATION.

Sec. 18.50.500. ACCESS TO ADOPTION INFORMATION. Upon request, the state registrar shall provide the adoptive parents of a person or the adopted person with whatever nonidentifying information is available on the medical history of each biological parent, adopted person, and blood relative of each biological parent. The information shall be on a standardized form prepared by the department.

Sec. 18.50.510. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS. (a) The department, a child adoption agency, or a person authorized by law to place a person for adoption shall furnish the state registrar the information concerning biological parents required under AS 18.50.500 for all adoptions. If the information concerning biological parents and adopted person and blood relatives of each biological parent required under AS 18.50.500 is requested but is not available for an adoption, the state registrar shall attempt to obtain the required information from the child adoption agency, records of the department, or court adoption records, or a person placing a person for adoption.

(b) A child adoption agency licensed under AS 47.35.100 and a person authorized by law to place a person for adoption shall maintain records required under this chapter or by the regulations of the

commissioner. If a child adoption agency or a person placing a person for adoption ceases to place persons for adoption, it shall transfer its records to the commissioner.

Sec. 18.50.520. DEFINITIONS. In AS 18.50.500 - 18.50.520

(1) "adoptive parent" means a parent who adopted a person under AS 25.23;

(2) "biological parent" means a birth parent who is named on the original certificate of birth of an adopted person;

(3) "child adoption agency" means a child adoption agency licensed under AS 47.35.100;

(4) "medical history" means information identifying previous medical conditions and their treatment, immunization records, and other medical information that would be relevant to the health care of a genetically-related person.

* Sec. 2. AS 25.23.080(c) is amended to read:

(c) A certified copy of the birth certificate or verification of the birth record of the person to be adopted, if available, <u>the non-identifying information specified in AS 18.50.500, if available,</u> and the required consents, relinquishments, and termination orders shall be filed with the clerk <u>by the person or agency petitioning for adoption</u>.

* Sec. 3. AS 25.23 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 25.23.185. RECORDS AND INFORMATION. (a) A person or agency petitioning for adoption shall obtain from each known biological parent of the adopted person for the state registrar the information described in AS 18.50.500 on a form prepared by the department.

(b) The information provided by a biological parent under (a) of this section shall be filed with the state registrar.

* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 1986.

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