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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2 (HESS)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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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:

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ARTICLE 6. ADOPTION INFORMATION.

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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.

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Sec. 18.50.510. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS. (a) The department, a  
18 child adoption agency, or a person placing a person for adoption shall  
19 furnish the state registrar the information concerning biological  
20 parents required under AS 18.50.500 for all adoptions. If the infor-  
21 mation concerning biological parents and adopted person and blood  
22 relatives of each biological parent required under AS 18.50.500 is  
23 requested but is not available for an adoption, the state registrar  
24 shall attempt to obtain the required information from the child adop-  
25 tion agency, records of the department, or court adoption records, or  
26 a person placing a person for adoption.

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(b) A child adoption agency licensed under AS 47.35.100 and a  
28 person placing a person for adoption shall maintain records required  
29 under this chapter or by the regulations of the commissioner. If a

1 child adoption agency or a person placing a person for adoption ceases  
2 to place persons for adoption, it shall transfer its records to the  
3 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 attempt to obtain from each  
25 known biological parent of the adopted person for the state registrar  
26 the information described in AS 18.50.500 on a form prepared by the  
27 department.

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

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

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