

HB

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March 21, 1978

Representative Kris Lethin
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RE: H.753

Dear Mr. Lethin,

Yesterday I received a copy of H.753 from Mrs. Walter Bhagatram. We are so pleased that you and your co-sponsors are working on this problem of Birth Certificates for foreign-born children.

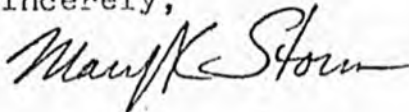
I am, however, confused by the wording of the amendment. It is so very important that your efforts not only successfully pass into law, but also, most importantly, that the resulting law will generate birth certificates from Vital Statistics in Alaska.

I asked the opinion of our lawyer, who, after reading H.753 and the Alaskan statutes, felt that as worded, H.753 might not generate birth certificates for foreign-born children. I'm sure you can appreciate how this made us feel. On the one hand we do not wish to be critical or disparaging of your concern and willing efforts. On the other hand we do not want your efforts to be for nothing as we most strongly desire birth certificates for our children.

Is there, then, any assurance you can give us that this bill will, if passed, result in actual birth certificates?

Again, we do thank you for your help and continued concern and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,



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HOUSE BILL 753

"An Act relating to birth registration of foreign born children."

It is the opinion of the Department of Health and Social Services that the need addressed in this bill is already satisfied. In 1960 the U.S. State Department recognized that aliens in this country needed an acceptable document as proof of date of birth. Since that time the birth record issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service has been totally accepted by all jurisdictions. Should the alien become naturalized, further documentation is provided. A birth record established by the State of Alaska for an adopted alien would be a duplication of effort and violate the basic principle of registration which is to record vital events where they occur.

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