Assembly Bill No. 12-Assemblyman Hettrick

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to vital statistics; revising provisions governing the issuance of supplementary certificates of birth by the state registrar of vital statistics; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 440.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 440.310 1. Whenever the state registrar receives a certified report of adoption [, amendment or annulment] or amendment of adoption filed in accordance with the provisions of NRS 127.157 or the laws of another state or foreign country, or a certified copy of the adoption decree [he], concerning a person born in Nevada, the state registrar shall prepare and file a supplementary certificate of birth in the new name of the adopted person which shows the adoptive parents as the parents [, and , except as provided in subsection 2,] and seal and file the report or decree and the original certificate of birth.
- 2. Whenever the state registrar receives a certified report of adoption, amendment or annulment of an order or decree of adoption from a court concerning a person born [outside this state,] in another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, a territory or possession of the United States, or Canada, the report must be forwarded to the office responsible for vital statistics in the person's [state] place of birth. [If the birth occurred in a foreign country, the report must be returned to the attorney or agency handling the adoption for submission to the appropriate federal agency unless a birth certificate has been prepared pursuant to NRS 440.303, in which case]
- 3. Whenever the state registrar receives a certified report of adoption or amendment of adoption filed in accordance with the provisions of NRS 127.157 concerning a person born in a foreign country other than Canada, the state registrar shall, if he receives evidence that:
 - (a) The person being adopted is a citizen of the United States; and
- (b) The adoptive parents are residents of Nevada, prepare *and file* a supplementary certificate of birth as described in subsection 1 [-
- 3. and seal and file the report.
- 4. Sealed documents may be opened only upon an order of the court issuing the adoption decree, expressly so permitting, pursuant to a petition setting forth the reasons therefor.

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- 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, upon the receipt of a certified copy of a court order of annulment of adoption, the state registrar shall seal and file the order and supplementary certificate of birth and, if the person was born in Nevada, restore the original certificate to its original place in the files.
 - Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.