
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 50—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES)

FEBRUARY 11, 2005

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning State Register for
Adoptions. (BDR 11-674)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets **[omitted material]** is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the adoption of children; requiring the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Human Resources to notify certain persons of any medical history and medical information submitted to the State Register for Adoptions in certain circumstances; expanding information required to be maintained by the State Register for Adoptions to include medical history and medical information about certain persons; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes the State Register for Adoptions within the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Human Resources. The Register consists of names and other information relating to persons who have released a child for adoption, have consented to the adoption of a child, or whose parental rights have been terminated. The Register also consists of other information relating to adopted persons who are 18 years of age or older and to certain relatives of adopted persons. (NRS 127.007)

This bill requires the Division of Child and Family Services to include within the State Register of Adoptions information concerning the medical history and other medical information about the natural parents and certain relatives of an adopted person. Such information may be released to the adoptive parent of a child or to an adopted person who is 18 years of age or older so long as the information is provided in a manner which does not identify and would not lead to the identification of the natural parent.



15 This bill further requires a court to order the adoptive parent of a child or the
16 attorney of the parent after an order or decree of adoption is entered to submit
17 contact information to the Division. After the adopted person reaches 18 years of
18 age, the adopted person may submit contact information. The Division is required
19 to use the contact information to notify the parent of the adopted child or the
20 adopted child, as applicable, of information submitted to the Register which
21 includes medical history or medical information on or after October 1, 2005. The
22 notice must exclude any information that identifies or would lead to the
23 identification of the natural parent. The Division is required to maintain the
24 confidentiality of the contact information and may use the contact information only
25 to provide the required notice.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 127 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

3 **Sec. 2. 1.** *After an order or decree of adoption has been*
4 *entered, the court shall direct the petitioner or his attorney to*
5 *submit to the Division contact information which includes a name*
6 *and address where the Division may send a notice pursuant to*
7 *section 3 of this act. The petitioner may update the contact*
8 *information at any time.*

9 **2.** *When the adopted person reaches 18 years of age, the*
10 *adopted person may submit contact information to the Division*
11 *and may update the contact information at any time.*

12 **3.** *The Division may use the contact information only to*
13 *provide notice pursuant to section 3 of this act. The contact*
14 *information is confidential and must not be disclosed by the*
15 *Division to any person.*

16 **Sec. 3. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the*
17 *Division shall notify the adoptive parents of a child using the*
18 *contact information obtained pursuant to section 2 of this act of*
19 *any medical history or other medical information that is submitted*
20 *to the State Register for Adoptions pursuant to paragraph (d) of*
21 *subsection 2 of NRS 127.007 on or after October 1, 2005.*

22 **2.** *If the adopted person has reached 18 years of age and has*
23 *submitted contact information to the Division, the Division shall*
24 *send such notice to the adopted person.*

25 **3.** *The notification required pursuant to this section must*
26 *exclude any information that identifies or would lead to the*
27 *identification of the natural parent.*

28 **Sec. 4.** NRS 127.005 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 127.005 The provisions of NRS 127.010 to 127.186, inclusive,
30 *and section 2 of this act* govern the adoption of minor children, and
31 the provisions of NRS 127.190, 127.200 and 127.210 and the



provisions of NRS 127.010 to 127.186, inclusive, *and section 2 of this act*, where not inconsistent with the provisions of NRS 127.190, 127.200 and 127.210, govern the adoption of adults.

Sec. 5. NRS 127.007 is hereby amended to read as follows:

127.007 1. The Division shall maintain the State Register for Adoptions, which is hereby established, in its central office, to provide information to identify adults who were adopted and persons related to them within the third degree of consanguinity ~~and~~ *and to provide for the exchange of medical information.*

2. The State Register for Adoptions consists of:

(a) Names and other information, which the Administrator of the Division deems to be necessary for the operation of the Register, relating to persons who have released a child for adoption or have consented to the adoption of a child, or whose parental rights have been terminated by a court of competent jurisdiction, and who have submitted the information voluntarily to the Division;

(b) Names and other necessary information of persons who are 18 years of age or older, who were adopted and who have submitted the information voluntarily to the Division; ~~and~~

(c) Names and other necessary information of persons who are related within the third degree of consanguinity to adopted persons, and who have submitted the information voluntarily to the Division ~~and~~ *;* **and**

(d) Information concerning the medical history and other medical information about persons listed in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) submitted by the persons voluntarily to the Division.

3. Any person whose name appears in the Register may withdraw it by requesting in writing that it be withdrawn. The Division shall immediately withdraw a name upon receiving a request to do so, and may not thereafter release any information to identify that person, including the information that such a name was ever in the Register.

~~3.~~ 4. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection 4,~~ *subsections 5 and 6 and section 3 of this act*, the Division may release information:

(a) About a person related within the third degree of consanguinity to an adopted person; or

(b) About an adopted person to a person related within the third degree of consanguinity,

➔ if the names and information about both persons are contained in the Register and written consent for the release of such information is given by the natural parent.

~~4.~~ 5. *The Division may release information described in paragraph (d) of subsection 2 to the adoptive parent of a child or*



1 *to an adopted person if the adopted person is 18 years of age or*
2 *older regardless of whether the natural parent has provided*
3 *consent if the information is provided in a manner which does not*
4 *identify and would not lead to the identification of the natural*
5 *parent.*

6 6. An adopted person may, by submitting a written request to
7 the Division, restrict the release of any information concerning
8 himself to one or more categories of relatives within the third degree
9 of consanguinity.

