093_HB2136sam003 LRB093 07705 LCB 16119 a AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2136 1 AMENDMENT NO. ____. Amend House Bill 2136, AS AMENDED, 2 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the 3 following: 4 5 "Section 5. The Adoption Act is amended by changing Sections 18.2, 18.3a, and 18.4 as follows: 6 (750 ILCS 50/18.2) (from Ch. 40, par. 1522.2) 7 8 Sec. 18.2. Forms. (a) The form of the Birth Parent Registration 9 10 Identification Form shall be substantially as follows: BIRTH PARENT REGISTRATION IDENTIFICATION 11 (Insert all known information) 12 I,, state that I am the (mother or father) of 13 14 the following child: Child's original name: (first) (middle) 15 (last), (hour of birth), (date of 16 birth), (city and state of birth), (name 17 of hospital). 18 19 Father's full name: (first) (middle) (last), (date of birth), (city and state 20 21 of birth). 22 Name of mother inserted on birth certificate:

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1 (first) (middle) (last), (race), 2 (date of birth), (city and state of birth). 3 That I surrendered my child to: (name of 4 5 agency), (city and state of agency), 6 (approximate date child surrendered). 7 That I placed my child by private adoption: (date), 8 (city and state). 9 Name of adoptive parents, if known: Other identifying information: 10 11 12 (Signature of parent) 13 (printed name of parent) 14 (date) (b) The form of the Adopted Person Registration 15 Identification shall be substantially as follows: 16 ADOPTED PERSON 17 18 REGISTRATION IDENTIFICATION 19 (Insert all known information) I,, state the following: 20 21 Adopted Person's present name: (first) 22 (middle) (last). Adopted Person's name at birth (if known): (first) 23 24 (middle) (last), (birth date), (city and state of birth), (sex), 25 (race). 26 Name of adoptive father: (first) (middle) 27 28 (last), (race). Maiden name of adoptive mother: (first) 29 30 (middle) (last), (race). Name of birth mother (if known): (first) 31 (middle) (last), (race). 32 33 Name of birth father (if known): (first) 34 (middle) (last), (race).

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1 Name(s) at birth of sibling(s) having a common birth 2 parent with adoptee (if known): (first) (middle) (last), (race), and name of 3 4 common birth parent: (first) (middle) 5 (last), (race). 6 I was adopted through: (name of agency). I was adopted privately: (state "yes" if known). 7 8 I was adopted in (city and state), (approximate 9 date). Other identifying information: 10 11 12 (signature of adoptee) 13 (printed name of adoptee) 14 (date) (c) The form of the Surrendered Person Registration 15 Identification shall be substantially as follows: 16 SURRENDERED PERSON REGISTRATION 17 18 IDENTIFICATION 19 (Insert all known information) 20 I,, state the following: 21 Surrendered Person's present name: (first) 22 (middle) (last). Surrendered Person's name at birth (if known): 23 (first) (middle) (last),(birth 24 date), (city and state of birth), 25 (sex), (race). 26 Name of guardian father: (first) (middle) 27 28 (last), (race). 29 Maiden name of guardian mother: (first) (middle) (last), (race). 30 Name of birth mother (if known): (first) 31 (middle) (last) (race). 32 33 Name of birth father (if known): (first) 34 (middle) (last),(race).

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1 Name(s) at birth of sibling(s) having a common birth parent with surrendered person (if known): 2 3 (first) (middle) (last), (race), 4 and name of common birth parent: (first) 5 (middle) (last), (race). 6 I was surrendered for adoption to: (name of agency). 7 I was surrendered for adoption in (city and state), 8 (approximate date). 9 Other identifying information: 10 11 (signature of surrendered person) 12 13 (date) (printed name of person surrendered for adoption) 14 (d) The form of the Information Exchange Authorization 15 shall be substantially as follows: 16 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AUTHORIZATION 17 18 I,, state that I am the person who completed the 19 Registration Identification; that I am of the age of years; that I hereby authorize the Department of Public 20 21 Health to give to my (birth parent) (birth sibling) (surrendered child) the following (please check the 22 23 information authorized for exchange): 24 1. Only my name and last known address. [] A copy of my Illinois Adoption Registry 25 [] 2. Application. 26 [] 3. A copy of the original certificate of live 27 28 birth. I am fully aware that I can only be supplied with any 29 information about my (birth parent) (birth sibling) 30 (surrendered child) if such person has duly executed an 31 Information Exchange Authorization for such information which 32 33 has not been revoked; that I can be contacted by writing to: 34 (own name or name of person to contact) (address)

1 (phone number).

5 (e) The form of the Denial of Information Exchange shall6 be substantially as follows:

DENIAL OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE

8 I,, state that I am the person who completed the 9 Registration Identification; that I am of the age of 10 years; that I hereby instruct the Department of Public Health 11 not to give any identifying information about me to my (birth 12 parent) (birth sibling) (surrendered child); that I do not 13 wish to be contacted.

14 Dated (insert date).

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16 (witness)

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(signature)

17 (f) The Information Exchange Authorization and the 18 Denial of Information Exchange shall be acknowledged by the 19 birth parent, birth sibling, adopted or surrendered person, 20 adoptive parent, or legal guardian before a notary public, in 21 form substantially as follows:

22 State of

23 County of

24 I, a Notary Public, in and for the said County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that 25 26 personally known to me to be the same person whose name is 27 subscribed to the foregoing certificate of acknowledgement, 28 appeared before me in person and acknowledged that (he or 29 she) signed such certificate as (his or her) free and voluntary act and that the statements in such certificate are 30 31 true.

32 Given under my hand and notarial seal on (insert date).
33

(signature)

2 (g) When the execution of an Information Exchange 3 Authorization or a Denial of Information Exchange is 4 acknowledged before a representative of an agency, such 5 representative shall have his signature on said Certificate 6 acknowledged before a notary public, in form substantially as 7 follows:

8 State of.....

9 County of

10 I, a Notary Public, in and for the said County, in the 11 State aforesaid, do hereby certify that personally 12 known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to 13 the foregoing certificate of acknowledgement, appeared before 14 me in person and acknowledged that (he or she) signed such 15 certificate as (his or her) free and voluntary act and that 16 the statements in such certificate are true.

17 Given under my hand and notarial seal on (insert date).

18 19

(signature)

(h) When an Illinois Adoption Registry Application,
Information Exchange Authorization or a Denial of Information
Exchange is executed in a foreign country, the execution of
such document shall be acknowledged or affirmed before an
officer of the United States consular services.

(i) If the person signing an Information Exchange 25 Authorization or a Denial of Information is in the military 26 service of the United States, the execution of such document 27 may be acknowledged before a commissioned officer 28 and the 29 signature of such officer on such certificate shall be verified or acknowledged before a notary public or by such 30 31 other procedure as is then in effect for such division or branch of the armed forces. 32

33 (j) The Department shall modify these forms as necessary

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to implement the provisions of this amendatory Act of 1999 including creating Registration Identification Forms for non-surrendered birth siblings, adoptive parents and legal guardians.

5 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99; 91-417, eff. 1-1-00.)

6 (750 ILCS 50/18.3a) (from Ch. 40, par. 1522.3a)

7 Sec. 18.3a. Confidential intermediary. <u>(a) General</u> purposes. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, 8 any adopted person 21 years of age or over, any adoptive 9 10 parent or legal guardian of an adopted person under the age of 21, or any birth parent of an adopted person who is 21 11 12 years of age or over may petition the court in any county in the State of Illinois for appointment of a confidential 13 14 intermediary as provided in this Section for the purpose of 15 exchanging medical information with one or more mutually 16 consenting biological relatives, obtaining identifying information about one or more mutually consenting biological 17 relatives, or arranging contact with one or more mutually 18 consenting biological relatives. Additionally, in cases where 19 20 an adopted or surrendered person is deceased, an adult child 21 of the adopted or surrendered person may file a petition under this Section and in cases where the birth parent is 22 deceased, an adult birth sibling of the adopted person or of 23 24 the deceased birth parent may file a petition under this Section for the purpose of exchanging medical information 25 with one or more mutually consenting biological relatives, 26 obtaining identifying information about one or more mutually 27 consenting biological relatives, or arranging contact with 28 one or more mutually consenting biological relatives. 29

30 (b) Petition. Upon petition by an adopted person 21 31 years of age or over, an adoptive parent or legal guardian of 32 an adopted person under the age of 21, or a birth parent of 33 an adopted person who is 21 years of age or over, the court -8- LRB093 07705 LCB 16119 a

1 shall appoint a confidential intermediary. Upon petition by 2 an adult child of an adopted person who is deceased or by an adult birth sibling of an adopted person whose birth parent 3 4 is deceased or by an adult sibling of a birth parent who is 5 deceased, the court may appoint a confidential intermediary if the court finds that the disclosure is of greater benefit 6 7 than nondisclosure. The petition shall state which biological 8 relative or relatives are being sought and shall indicate if 9 the petitioner wants to do any one or more of the following: 10 exchange medical information with the biological relative or 11 relatives, obtain identifying information from the biological 12 relative or relatives, or to arrange contact with the 13 biological relative.

14 <u>(c) Fees and expenses. The court shall condition the</u> 15 <u>appointment of the confidential intermediary on the</u> 16 <u>petitioner's payment of the intermediary's fees and expenses</u> 17 <u>in advance of the commencement of the work of the</u> 18 <u>confidential intermediary.</u>

(d) Eligibility of intermediary. The court may appoint 19 as confidential intermediary either an employee of the 20 Illinois Department of Children and Family Services 21 22 designated by the Department to serve as such, any other person certified by the Department as qualified to serve as a 23 24 confidential intermediary, or any employee of a licensed 25 child welfare agency certified by the agency as qualified to serve as a confidential intermediary. 26

(e) Access. Subject to the limitations of subsection 27 (f) of this Section, the confidential intermediary shall have 28 access to vital records maintained by the Department of 29 Public Health and its local designees for the maintenance of 30 vital records and all records of the court or any adoption 31 agency, public or private, which relate to the adoption or 32 the identity and location of an adopted person, of an adult 33 34 child of a deceased adopted person, or of a birth parent,

1 birth sibling, or the sibling of a deceased birth parent. The confidential intermediary shall not have access to any 2 3 personal health information protected by the Standards for 4 Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information adopted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 5 under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act 6 of 1996 unless the confidential intermediary has obtained 7 written consent from the person whose information is being 8 9 sought or, if that person is a minor child, that person's parent or quardian. Confidential intermediaries shall be 10 authorized to inspect confidential relinquishment and 11 adoption records. The confidential intermediary shall not be 12 authorized to access medical records, financial records, 13 credit records, banking records, home studies, attorney file 14 15 records, or other personal records that do not specifically relate to the identity or location of the sought-after 16 relative. Information provided to the confidential 17 intermediary by an adoption agency shall be restricted to the 18 full name, date of birth, place of birth, last known address, 19 and last known telephone number of the sought-after relative 20 or, if applicable, of the children or siblings of the 21 22 sought-after relative.

(f) If the petitioner is an adult adopted person or the adoptive parent of a minor and if the petitioner has signed a written authorization to disclose personal medical information, an adoption agency disclosing information to a confidential intermediary shall disclose available medical information about the adopted person from birth through adoption.

30 (g) Duties of confidential intermediary in conducting a 31 search. In conducting a search under this Section, the 32 confidential intermediary shall first confirm that there is 33 no Denial of Information Exchange on file with the Illinois 34 Adoption Registry. If the petitioner is an adult child of an 1 adopted person who is deceased, the confidential intermediary 2 shall additionally confirm that the adopted person did not 3 file a Denial of Information Exchange with the Illinois 4 Adoption Registry during his or her life. If the petitioner is an adult birth sibling of an adopted person or an adult 5 sibling of a birth parent who is deceased, the confidential 6 7 intermediary shall additionally confirm that the birth parent did not file a Denial of Information Exchange with the 8 9 Registry during his or her life.

10 <u>In conducting a search under this Section, the</u> 11 <u>confidential intermediary shall attempt to locate the</u> 12 <u>relative or relatives from whom the petitioner has requested</u> 13 <u>information. If the sought-after relative is deceased or</u> 14 <u>cannot be located after a diligent search, the confidential</u> 15 <u>intermediary may contact adult biological relatives of the</u> 16 <u>sought-after relative.</u>

17 The confidential intermediary shall contact a sought-after relative on behalf of the petitioner in a manner 18 that respects the sought-after relative's privacy and shall 19 inform the sought-after relative of the petitioner's request 20 for medical information, identifying information or contact 21 22 as stated in the petition. Based upon the terms of the petitioner's request, the confidential intermediary shall 23 24 contact a sought-after relative on behalf of the petitioner and inform the sought-after relative of the following 25 options: 26

(1) The sought-after relative may totally reject one or 27 all of the requests for medical information, identifying 28 information or contact. The sought-after relative shall be 29 informed that they can provide a medical questionnaire to be 30 31 forwarded to the petitioner without releasing any identifying information. The confidential intermediary shall inform the 32 petitioner of the sought-after relative's decision to reject 33 34 the sharing of information or contact.

1 (2) The sought-after relative may consent to completing 2 a medical questionnaire only. In this case, the confidential 3 intermediary shall provide the questionnaire and ask the 4 sought-after relative to complete it. The confidential 5 intermediary shall forward the completed questionnaire to the 6 petitioner and inform the petitioner of the sought-after 7 relative's desire to not provide any additional information.

8 (3) The sought-after relative may communicate with the 9 petitioner without having his or her identity disclosed. In 10 this case, the confidential intermediary shall arrange the 11 desired communication in a manner that protects the identity 12 of the sought-after relative. The confidential intermediary 13 shall inform the petitioner of the sought-after relative's 14 decision to communicate but not disclose his or her identity.

(4) The sought after relative may consent to initiate 15 16 contact with the petitioner. If both the petitioner and the 17 sought-after relative or relatives are eligible to register with the Illinois Adoption Registry, the confidential 18 intermediary shall provide the necessary application forms 19 and request that the sought-after relative register with the 20 Illinois Adoption Registry. If either the petitioner or the 21 22 sought-after relative or relatives are ineligible to register with the Illinois Adoption Registry, the confidential 23 24 intermediary shall obtain written consents from both parties that they wish to disclose their identities to each other and 25 to have contact with each other. 26

27 (h) Oath. The confidential intermediary shall sign an 28 Oath of confidentiality substantially as follows: "I, 29, being duly sworn, on oath depose and say: As a 30 condition of appointment as a confidential intermediary, I 31 affirm that:

32 (1) I will not disclose to the petitioner, directly
 33 or indirectly, any confidential information except in a
 34 manner consistent with the law.

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1	(2) I recognize that violation of this oath
2	subjects me to civil liability and to a potential finding
3	of contempt of court
4	SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me, a Notary Public, on
5	<u>(insert date)</u>
6	<u> </u>
7	(i) Sanctions.
8	(1) Any confidential intermediary who improperly
9	discloses confidential information identifying a
10	sought-after relative shall be liable to the sought-after
11	relative for damages and may also be found in contempt of
12	<u>court.</u>
13	(2) Any person who learns a sought-after relative's
14	identity, directly or indirectly, through the use of
15	procedures provided in this Section and who improperly
16	discloses information identifying the sought-after
17	relative shall be liable to the sought-after relative for
18	actual damages plus minimum punitive damages of \$10,000.
19	(3) The Department shall fine any confidential
20	intermediary who improperly discloses confidential
21	information in violation of item (1) or (2) of this
22	<u>subsection (i) an amount up to \$2,000 per improper</u>
23	disclosure. This fine does not affect civil liability
24	under item (2) of this subsection (i). The Department
25	shall deposit all fines and penalties collected under
26	this Section into the Illinois Adoption Registry and
27	Medical Information Fund.
28	(j) Death of person being sought. Notwithstanding any
29	other provision of this Act, if the confidential intermediary
30	discovers that the person being sought has died, he or she
31	shall report this fact to the court, along with a copy of the
32	<u>death certificate.</u>
33	(k) Any confidential information obtained by the
34	confidential intermediary during the course of his or her

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1 search shall be kept strictly confidential and shall be used 2 for the purpose of arranging contact between the petitioner 3 and the sought-after birth relative. At the time the case is 4 closed, all identifying information shall be returned to the 5 court for inclusion in the impounded adoption file.

6 (1) If the petitioner is an adopted person 21 years of 7 age or over or the adoptive parent or legal guardian of an 8 adopted person under the age of 21, any non-identifying 9 information, as defined in Section 18.4, that is ascertained 10 during the course of the search may be given in writing to 11 the petitioner before the case is closed.

(m) Except as provided in subsection (i) of this Section, no liability shall accrue to the State, any State agency, any judge, any officer or employee of the court, any certified confidential intermediary, or any agency designated to oversee confidential intermediary services for acts, omissions, or efforts made in good faith within the scope of this Section.

19 (a)--General---purposes----Notwithstanding---any---other 20 provision-of-this-Act,-any-adopted-person-over-the-age-of--21 21 or-any-adoptive-parent-or-legal-guardian-of-an-adopted-person 22 under-the-age-of-21-may-petition-the-court-for-appointment-of 23 a--confidential--intermediary-as-provided-in-this-Section-for 24 the-purpose-of-obtaining-from-one-or-both-birth-parents-or--a 25 sibling---or--siblings--of--the--adopted--person--information concerning---the---background---of---a---psychological---or 26 27 genetically-based-medical-problem-experienced-or-which-may-be 28 expected--to--be--experienced--in--the--future-by-the-adopted 29 person-or-obtaining-assistance-in-treating-such-a-problem.

30 (b)--Petition--The-court-shall--appoint--a--confidential 31 intermediary--for-the-purposes-described-in-subsection-(f)-if 32 the-petitioner-shows-the-following:

33 (1)--the-adopted--person--is--suffering--or--may--be
 34 expected--to-suffer-in-the-future-from-a-life-threatening

1 or-substantially-incapacitating-physical-illness--of--any 2 nature,---or---a---psychological---disturbance--which--is 3 substantially-incapacitating-but-not-life-threatening,-or a-mental-illness-which,-in-the--opinion--of--a--physician 4 5 licensed--to-practice-medicine-in-all-its-branches,-is-or could-be-genetically-based-to-a-significant-degree; 6 7 (2)--the-treatment-of-the--adopted--person,--in--the 8 opinion--of--a-physician-licensed-to-practice-medicine-in 9 all-of-its-branches,--would--be--materially--assisted--by 10 information--obtainable--from--the-birth-parents-or-might 11 benefit-from-the-provision--of--organs--or--other--bodily 12 tissues,--materials,--or--fluids--by-the-birth-parents-or 13 other-close-biological-relatives;-and 14 (3)--there--is--neither--an---Information---Exchange 15 Authorization--nor-a-Denial-of-Information-Exchange-filed 16 in-the-Registry-as-provided-in-Section-18-1-17 The-affidavit-or--testimony--of--the--treating--physician shall--be--conclusive--on-the-issue-of-the-utility-of-contact 18 with-the-birth--parents--unless--the--court--finds--that--the 19 20 relationship--between--the--illness--to--be--treated--and-the 21 alleged-need-for-contact-is-totally-without-foundation. 22 (c)--Fees-and-expenses.--The-court--shall--condition--the 23 appointment--of--the-confidential-intermediary-on-the-payment 24 of-the-intermediary's-fees-and-expenses--in--advance,--unless 25 the--intermediary-waives-the-right-to-full-advance-payment-or to-any-reimbursement-at-all. 26 27 (d)--Eligibility-of-intermediary---The-court-may--appoint 28 as--confidential--intermediary--either--an--employee--of--the 29 Illinois---Department---Of---Children---and--Family--Services 30 designated-by-the-Department-to--serve--as--such--any--other 31 person-certified-by-the-Department-as-qualified-to-serve-as-a confidential--intermediary,--or--any--employee--of-a-licensed 32 33 child-welfare-agency-certified-by-the-agency-as-qualified--to 34 serve-as-a-confidential-intermediary.

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1	(e)AccessNotwithstanding-any-other-provision-of-law,
2	theconfidentialintermediaryshallhaveaccesstoall
3	recordsof-the-court-or-any-agency,-public-or-private,-which
4	relate-to-the-adoption-or-the-identity-andlocationofany
5	birth-parent.
6	(f)Purposesof-contactThe-confidential-intermediary
7	has-only-the-following-powers-and-duties:
8	(1)To-contact-one-or-bothbirthparents,inform
9	the-parent-or-parents-of-the-basic-medical-problem-of-the
10	adoptedpersonandthenatureofthe-information-or
11	assistance-sought-from-the-birth-parent,-andinformthe
12	parent-or-parents-of-the-following-options+
13	(A)Thebirthparentmay-totally-reject-the
14	request-for-assistance-or-information,-or-both,and
15	nodisclosure-of-identity-or-location-shall-be-made
16	to-the-petitioner.
17	(B)The-birth-parent-may-fileanInformation
18	ExchangeAuthorization-as-provided-in-Section-18-1-
19	The-confidential-intermediary-shall-explaintothe
20	birthparenttheconsequencesofsuch-a-filing,
21	including-that-the-birth-parent's-identitywillbe
22	availablefordiscoveryby-the-adopted-personIf
23	thebirthparentagreestothisoption,the
24	confidentialintermediaryshallsupply-the-parent
25	with-the-appropriate-forms,-shall-be-responsible-for
26	their-immediate-filing-with-the-Registry,-andshall
27	inform-the-petitioner-of-their-filing.
28	(C)Ifthe-birth-parent-wishes-to-provide-the
29	information-or-assistance-sought-but-doesnotwish
30	hisorheridentitydisclosed,the-confidential
31	intermediary-shall-arrange-for-the-disclosure-of-the
32	information-or-the-provisionofassistanceinas
33	confidentialamanner-as-possible-so-as-to-protect
34	the-privacy-of-the-birthparentandminimizethe

1	likelihoodofdisclosureofthebirthparent's
2	identity.
3	(2)Ifa-birth-parent-so-desires,-to-arrange-for-a
4	confidential-communication-with-the-treating-physician-to
5	discusstheneedfortherequestedinformationor
6	assistance.
7	(3)Ifabirthparentagreestoprovidethe
8	information-or-assistance-sought-but-wishestomaintain
9	hisorher-privacy,-to-arrange-for-the-provision-of-the
10	informationorassistancetothephysicianinas
11	confidentialamanneras-possible-so-as-to-protect-the
12	privacy-of-the-birth-parent-and-minimizethelikelihood
13	of-disclosure-of-the-birth-parent's-identity.
14	(g)OathTheconfidential-intermediary-shall-sign-an
15	oath-of-confidentiality-substantially-as-follows:
16	"I,being-duly-sworn,-on-oath-depose-and
17	say:As-a-condition-ofappointmentasaconfidential
18	intermediary,-I-affirm-that:
19	(1)I-will-not-disclose-to-the-petitioner,-directly
20	orindirectly,anyinformationaboutthe-identity-or
21	location-of-the-birth-parent-whoseassistanceisbeing
22	soughtfor-medical-reasons-except-in-a-manner-consistent
23	with-the-law.
24	(2)Irecognizethatviolationofthisoath
25	subjectsmetocivilliabilityand-to-being-found-in
26	contempt-of-court.
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28	SUBSCRIBED-AND-SWORN-to-before-me,-a-NotaryPublic,
29	on-(insert-date).
30	
31	(h)Sanctions.
32	(1)Anyconfidentialintermediarywho-improperly
33	discloses-information-identifying-a-birth-parent-shall-be
34	liable-to-the-birth-parent-for-damages-andmayalsobe

1 found-in-contempt-of-court.

2 (2)--Any---person---who---learns--a--birth--parent's 3 identity,-directly-or--indirectly,--through--the--use--of 4 procedures--provided--in--this-Section-and-who-improperly 5 discloses-information-identifying-the-birth-parent--shall 6 be--liable--to--the--birth-parent-for-actual-damages-plus 7 minimum-punitive-damages-of-\$10,000.

8 (i)--Death-of-birth--parent---Notwithstanding--any--other 9 provision--of--this--Act,--if--the--confidential-intermediary 10 discovers-that-the-person--whose--assistance--is--sought--has 11 died,--he--or--she-shall-report-this-fact-to-the-court,-along 12 with-a-copy-of-the-death-certificate.

13 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99; 91-417, eff. 1-1-00.)

14 (750 ILCS 50/18.4) (from Ch. 40, par. 1522.4)

15 Sec. 18.4. (a) The agency, Department of Children and Family Services, Court Supportive Services, Juvenile Division 16 17 the Circuit Court, or the Probation Officers of the of 18 Circuit Court involved in the adoption proceedings shall give in writing the following non-identifying information, if 19 20 known, to the adoptive parents not later than the date of 21 placement with the petitioning adoptive parents: (i) age of 22 biological parents; (ii) their race, religion and ethnic background; (iii) general physical appearance of biological 23 24 parents; (iv) their education, occupation, hobbies, interests and talents; (v) existence of any other children born to the 25 about 26 biological parents; (vi) information biological grandparents; reason for emigrating into the United States, 27 28 if applicable, and country of origin; (vii) relationship 29 between biological parents; and (viii) detailed medical and mental health histories of the child, the biological parents, 30 31 and their immediate relatives; and (ix) the actual date and 32 <u>place of birth of the adopted person</u>. However, no 33 information provided under this subsection shall disclose the name or last known address of the biological parents,
 grandparents, the siblings of the biological parents, the
 <u>adopted person</u>, or any other relative of the adopted <u>person</u>.

4 (b) Any adoptee 18 years of age or over shall be given5 the information in subsection (a) upon request.

6 <u>(c) The Illinois Adoption Registry shall release any</u> 7 <u>non-identifying information listed in (a) of this Section</u> 8 <u>that appears on the certified copy of the original birth</u> 9 <u>certificate or the Certificate of Adoption to an adopted</u> 10 <u>person, adoptive parent, or legal guardian who is a</u> 11 <u>registrant of the Illinois Adoption Registry.</u>

12 (d) The Illinois Adoption Registry shall release the 13 actual date and place of birth of an adopted person who is 21 14 years of age or over to the birth parent if the birth parent 15 is a registrant of the Illinois Adoption Registry and has 16 completed a Medical Information Exchange Authorization.

17 (e) The Illinois Adoption Registry shall release 18 information regarding the date the adoption was finalized and 19 the county in which the adoption was finalized to a certified 20 confidential intermediary upon submission of a court order.

(f) In cases where the Illinois Adoption Registry 21 possesses information indicating that an adopted person who 22 23 is 21 years of age or over was adopted in a state other than Illinois or a country other than the United States, the 24 Illinois Adoption Registry shall release the name of the 25 26 state or country where the adoption was finalized and, if available, the agency involved in the adoption to a 27 registrant of the Illinois Adoption Registry, provided the 28 registrant is not the subject of a Denial of Information 29 Exchange and the registrant has completed a Medical 30 Information Exchange Authorization. 31

32 (g) (e) Any of the above available information for any 33 adoption proceedings completed before the effective date of 34 this Act shall be supplied to the adoptive parents or an 1 adoptee 18 years of age or over upon request.

2 (h) (d) The agency, Department of Children and Family 3 Services, Court Supportive Services, Juvenile Division of the 4 Circuit Court, the Probation Officers of the Circuit Court 5 and any other governmental bodies having any of the above 6 information shall retain the file until the adoptee would 7 have reached the age of 99 years.

8 (Source: P.A. 87-617.)".