



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Bill 272

Senate Amendment 1

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Senate Bill 272 requires a court to order the State Registrar of Vital Statistics to prepare a new birth certificate for a subject, based on the subject's original birth certificate, if all of the following apply:

- The subject of the birth certificate petitions the court for a new birth certificate.
- The subject is an adult who was adopted, and did not have the opportunity, at the time of the adoption, to request that no new birth certificate be prepared.
- The subject knows the identity of each birth parent who is named on the original birth certificate.
- Each birth parent who is alive and named on the original birth certificate does not object to the restoration of the information on the subject's original birth certificate.

If the court order is issued, the state registrar must issue a new birth certificate that contains the information from the adoptee's original birth certificate.

The restoration of any birth parent's name on the adoptee's birth certificate does not:

- Affect the legal relationship of parent and adoptee that was created by the adoption order.
- Restore any legal rights or any legal relationship that terminated upon the adoption order.

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Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Jauch.

Senate Amendment 1 specifies that reinstatement of the birth parents' information on the birth certificate does not authorize a legal name change. It also specifies that prior birth certificates must be impounded in the same manner as for the impounding of prior birth certificates when other changes are made.

Bill History

On December 19, 2013, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 5; and Noes, 0; and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; and Noes, 0.

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