



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
ACT MEMO

**2005 Wisconsin Act 343**  
[2005 Assembly Bill 688]

**Age at Which an Adoptee May  
Obtain Information About Birth  
Parents**

*2005 Wisconsin Act 343* lowers the age at which a person whose birth parent's rights have been terminated or who has been adopted in this state may request information about his or her birth parents from 21 years to 18 years.

Under the Act, any person 18 years of age or over whose birth parent's rights have been terminated or who has been adopted in this state may request the Department of Health and Family Services to provide the person with his or her original birth certificate and any available information regarding the identity and location of his or her birth parents.

*Effective Date:* Act 343 takes effect on April 29, 2006.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.