



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 379
[2013 Assembly Bill 17]

**Restoration of Birth Certificate
After Adoption**

2013 Wisconsin Act 379 relates to the restoration of information from an original birth certificate after adoption.

The Act creates a procedure to allow a person who has been adopted to ask a court for a restored birth certificate that shows the birth parents' names, and the time and hospital of the birth. A court must order the preparation of a restored birth certificate unless either living birth parent objects or the person had an opportunity at the time of the adoption to request that a birth certificate reflecting the adoption not be ordered.

The Act specifies that a restoration of the information from an original birth certificate does not alter a person's current legal relationships with the adoptive and birth parents, and does not authorize a legal name change.

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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.wisconsin.gov>.