

Senate Bill 64

By: Senators Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Tillery of the 19th, Dugan of the 30th, Anderson of the 24th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 31-10-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 issuance of a new birth certificate following adoption and legitimation or paternity
3 determination, so as to provide for the issuance of a copy of the original birth certificate to
4 certain adult persons who were adopted; to provide for a fee; to provide for the form of such
5 copy; to standardize terminology relating to birth certificates; to provide for related matters;
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 31-10-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance of a
10 new birth certificate following adoption and legitimation or paternity determination, is
11 amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

12 "(h)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section or any other provision
13 of law, any person who is 18 years of age or older who was born in this state and for
14 whom a new birth certificate was established pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a)
15 of this Code section may request and receive a copy of his or her original birth certificate
16 by complying with the provisions of this subsection. The state registrar shall require a
17 person seeking an original birth certificate to pay the fee for a birth certificate as

18 prescribed pursuant to Code Section 31-10-27. The copy of the original birth certificate
19 shall be in a form that clearly indicates it is not a certified copy and that it may not be
20 used for legal purposes.

21 (2) If the person who was born in this state and for whom a new birth certificate was
22 established pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section is deceased,
23 any parent, sibling, or descendant of that person may receive a copy of the decedent's
24 original birth certificate pursuant to the procedures contained in this subsection.

25 (3) This subsection shall apply to all applications for original birth certificates for
26 adopted persons presented to the state registrar on or after July 1, 2023."

27 **SECTION 2.**

28 The Official Code of Georgia Annotated is amended by replacing "certificate of birth" and
29 "certificates of birth" wherever either such term occurs with "birth certificate" and "birth
30 certificates", respectively:

31 (1) Code Section 19-3-36, relating to proof of age of applicants for marriage license;

32 (2) Code Section 19-7-46.1, relating to effect of father's name or social security number
33 on records as evidence of paternity;

34 (3) Code Section 31-10-1, relating to definitions relative to vital records, in paragraph
35 (14);

36 (4) Code Section 31-10-6, relating to local registrars, local custodians, special abstracting
37 agents, and deputies;

38 (5) Code Section 31-10-8, relating to certification to county treasurers of birth and death
39 certificates and spontaneous fetal death reports;

40 (6) Code Section 31-10-9, relating to registration of births;

41 (7) Code Section 31-10-9.1, relating to social security account information of parents;

42 (8) Code Section 31-10-10, relating to registration of live born infants of unknown
43 parentage;

- 44 (9) Code Section 31-10-11, relating to registration of delayed certificate of birth;
45 (10) Code Section 31-10-12, relating to judicial procedure to establish facts of birth;
46 (11) Code Section 31-10-13, relating to certificates of adoption;
47 (12) Code Section 31-10-14, relating to issuance of new certificate of birth following
48 adoption and legitimation or paternity determination;
49 (13) Code Section 31-10-23, relating to amendment of certificates or reports;
50 (14) Code Section 31-10-26, relating to issuance of certified copies of vital records,
51 voluntary acknowledgments of paternity, and voluntary acknowledgments of
52 legitimation;
53 (15) Code Section 31-10-31, relating to penalties; and
54 (16) Code Section 31-10-33, relating to procedure for stillbirth.

55 **SECTION 3.**

56 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.