

ACT No. 148

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 280

BY REPRESENTATIVES MARINO AND STOKES

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:79(A)(2)(a), relative to adoptions; to provide relative to birth
3 certificates in certain cases of adoptions by step-parents; and to provide for related
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:79(A)(2)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §79. Record of adoption decree

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10 (2)(a) If the child is adopted by a married couple, the names of both parties
11 shall be recorded as the parents, even if one of the petitioning parties dies prior to
12 entry of the final judgment of adoption. However, if the child is adopted by a step-
13 parent who was married to the legal parent of the child and the legal parent dies prior
14 to the filing of the petition for adoption, the names of both the deceased legal parent
15 and the step-parent shall be recorded on the child's birth certificate at the request of
16 the step-parent.

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18 Section 2. The provisions of this Act amending R.S. 40:79(A)(2)(a) are declared to
19 be remedial and curative and shall be applied retroactively to June 1, 2016, as well as
20 prospectively.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____