

March 1, 2007

**H 445. ACCESS TO INFORMATION FOR ADULT ADOPTEEES.** Filed 3/1/07. *TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO ANY ADULT ADOPTEE OR ADULT LINEAL DESCENDANT OF A DECEASED ADOPTEE WHO REQUESTS A COPY OF THE ADOPTEE'S ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH.*

Enacts new GS 48-9-106A permitting an adult adoptee or the lineal descendant of a deceased adoptee to submit a request to the State Registrar for a copy of the adoptee's original birth certificate. If a biological parent has submitted a contact preference form, a copy of that form must be provided to the adoptee along with the birth certificate. Any contact preferences and medical history forms are to be kept confidential from anyone other than the adoptee or the adoptee's descendants. The State Registrar may not keep copies of the forms. Directs the State Registrar to adopt rules to carry out these provisions. Makes conforming changes to GS 48-1-101, GS 48-9-104, GS 48-9-105, GS 48-9-106, and GS 48-9-107. Effective for requests made on or after January 1, 2008.

**Intro. by Dickson, Crawford, Wilkins,  
Farmer-Butterfield.**

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May 8, 2007

**H 445. ACCESS TO INFORMATION FOR ADULT ADOPTEEES.** Filed 3/1/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Completely rewrites first edition to authorize a child placement agency licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or a county department of social services to act as a confidential intermediary between an adult adoptee or an adult lineal descendant of a deceased adoptee and a biological parent (GS 48-9-104). Amends GS 48-9-101 to raise the age of adult for the purposes of the records statutes from 18 to 21 years old. Amends GS 48-1-101 to add definitions for *confidential intermediary* and *lineal descendant of a deceased adoptee*. Amends GS 48-9-109 to authorize Division of Social Services of DHHS to release information from its records to a confidential intermediary in order to carry out its duties and restricts further redisclosure of the information by the intermediary. Effective January 1, 2008. Changes the title to *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCIES TO ACT AS CONFIDENTIAL INTERMEDIARIES BETWEEN ADULT ADOPTEEES, AN ADULT LINEAL DESCENDANT OF A DECEASED ADOPTEE, AND A BIOLOGICAL PARENT.*

July 24, 2007

**SL 2007-262 (H 445). ACCESS TO INFORMATION FOR ADULT ADOPTEEES. AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCIES TO ACT AS CONFIDENTIAL INTERMEDIARIES BETWEEN ADULT ADOPTEEES, AN ADULT LINEAL DESCENDANT OF A DECEASED ADOPTEE, AND A BIOLOGICAL PARENT.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/1/07 and 5/8/07. Enacted July 23, 2007. Effective January 1, 2008.