

CHAMBER ACTION

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The Committee on Judiciary (Joyner) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between line 1465 and 1466,

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Section 24. Section 382.017, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

382.017 Foreign births.--

(1) Upon request, the department shall prepare and register a certificate of foreign birth for an adoptee born in a foreign country who is not a citizen of the United States and whose judgment of adoption was entered by a court of competent jurisdiction of this state. The certificate shall be established upon receipt of the report or certified copy of the adoption decree, proof of the date and place of the adoptee's birth, and a request that the certificate be prepared from the court, the



adopting parents, or the adoptee if of legal age. The certificate shall be labeled "Certificate of Foreign Birth" and shall show the true country and date of birth of the adoptee, and must include a statement that the certificate is not evidence of United States citizenship. After registering the certificate of foreign birth in the new name of the adoptee, the department shall place the adoption report or decree under seal, not to be broken except pursuant to court order.

- (2) A certificate of foreign birth for an adoptee born in a foreign country may be issued without a judgment of adoption by a court of competent jurisdiction in this state if the adopting parents submit:
- (a) A certified translation of all documents described in this subsection that are not in English;
- The decree, order, or certificate of adoption (b) evidencing finalization of the adoption in the foreign country;
- An IR-3 visa with proof of United States citizenship issued upon entry into the United States for the adoptee;
- (d) A written statement from each adopting parent certifying under penalty of perjury that the adoption complies with the eligibility requirements of s. 63.042(3); and
- (e) Proof that each adopting parent is a resident of this state.
- (3) (2) If the adoptee was born in a foreign country but was a citizen of the United States at the time of birth, the department shall not prepare a certificate of foreign birth but shall notify the adoptive parents, or the adoptee if of legal age, of the procedure for obtaining a revised birth certificate through the United States Department of State.

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48 (Redesignate subsequent sections.) 49 50 ======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========== 51 52 And the title is amended as follows: On line 102, after the semicolon, 53 54 insert: amending s. 382.017, F.S.; providing that a certificate of 55 56 foreign birth for an adoptee born in a foreign country may be issued without a judgment of adoption by a court in 57 this state if the adopting parents submit specified 58 59 documentation;