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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to authorizing the release of certain identification information of the adoptee's biological siblings to the adoption medical sub-registry

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Paragraphs (c) and (f) of subdivision 6-a of section 4138-c of the public health law, as added by chapter 612 of the laws of 1996, are amended to read as follows:

(c) A birth parent may provide the adoption medical information sub-registry with certified medical information, WHICH FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY OF THE ADOPTEE MAY INCLUDE SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION OF THE BIRTH PARENTS AND BIOLOGICAL SIBLINGS OF THE ADOPTEE INCLUDING THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS OF SUCH PERSONS. A BIOLOGICAL SIBLING MAY ALSO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION TO THE MEDICAL INFORMATION SUB-REGISTRY. Such certified medical information must include other information sufficient to locate the adoptee's birth record.

(f) The department shall not solicit or request the provision of medical information from a birth parent or the registration by an adoptee or parent of an adoptee, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY OF THE ADOPTEE.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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