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AN ACT to amend the domestic relations law, in relation to adoption records

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

Section 1. Section 114 of the domestic relations law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

5. AN ADOPTIVE PERSON WHO HAS REACHED HIS OR HER MAJORITY MAY HAVE ACCESS TO HIS OR HER ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF A COURT ORDER UPON PROOF TO THE COURT IN WHICH THE ORDER WAS GRANTED THAT THE ADOPTIVE PERSON AND HIS OR HER BIRTH PARENTS HAVE REGISTERED WITH THE STATE'S ADOPTION REGISTRY AND HAVE CONSENTED TO THE RELEASE OF THE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION. IF ONLY ONE BIRTH PARENT EXECUTED THE SURRENDER AGREEMENT OR CONSENTED TO THE ADOPTION, THEN THE REGISTRATION OF THE OTHER BIRTH PARENT IN SAID REGISTRY IS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE RELEASE OF THE INFORMATION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION.

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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