STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 10, 2017

Introduced by Sen. AVELLA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to issuing non-certified copies of original long form birth certificates to adoptees

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 4174 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 10 to read as follows:

10.(a) The commissioner, or any person authorized by him or her, shall issue non-certified copies of original long form birth certificates upon specific request therefor by an adoptee, if eighteen years of age or more, or if the adoptee is deceased, by the adoptee's descendants, or by other lawful representatives of such adoptee, to whom the record of birth relates including authorized representatives of a local social services district if the adoptee is in the care and custody or custody and guardianship of such district.

(b) The commissioner shall issue a non-certified copy of the original long form birth certificate within forty-five days after receipt of such request.

(c) The department shall develop policies and procedures necessary to implement this subdivision by February first, two thousand eighteen.

(d) The department may charge a fee for issuing such non-certified copy of an original long form birth certificate. The fee may not exceed the fee for a certified copy of an original long form birth certificate as provided for in subdivision two of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect August 1, 2017.

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

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