
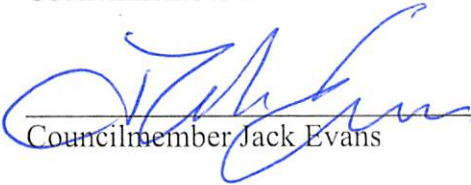


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19 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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24 To amend the Vital Records Modernization Amendment Act of 2018 to allow on birth
25 certificates recognition of Native American tribal enrollment, and to allow an
26 individual to request a replacement birth certificate that includes recognition of
27 Native American tribal enrollment.

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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

30 That this act may be cited as the “Native American Birth Recognition Amendment Act of
31 2019”.

32 Sec. 2. The Vital Records Modernization Amendment Act of 2018, effective October
33 30, 2018 (D.C. Law 22-164; D.C. Official Code § 7-231.01 et seq.) is amended as
34 follows:

35 (a) Section 108(l) is amended by adding a new paragraph (10) to read as follows:

36 “(10) If one of the child’s parents is enrolled in a Native American tribe
37 recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the District government, or a state

38 government, upon request of the parent, the tribal enrollment of the child's parent shall be
39 included in the record and listed on the record of live birth.”.

40 (b) A new section 122a is added to read as follows:

41 “Sec. 122a. New records of live birth for tribal recognition.

42 “(a) The Registrar shall establish, and provide to an applicant without cost a copy of, a
43 new record of live birth that reflects the tribal enrollment of an individual born in the
44 District who is enrolled in a Native American tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian
45 Affairs, the District government, or a state government, upon receipt of the following
46 documents:

47 “(1) A written request, signed under oath or affirmation, for a new record of live
48 birth that lists the individual's tribal enrollment, from the individual, or if the individual
49 is a minor, the individual's:

50 “(A) Parent;

51 “(B) Guardian; or

52 “(C) Legal representative; and

53 “(2)(A) A copy of a valid tribal identity card that affirms the individual's
54 enrollment with a Native American tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the
55 District government, or a state government; or

56 “(B) A certified letter from a tribal leader affirming the individual's
57 enrollment with a Native American tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the
58 District government, or a state government.

59 “(b) A new record of live birth recorded pursuant to this section shall:

60 “(1) Be substituted for the original record of live birth; and

61 “(3) Not be marked “amended” or on its face indicate that a listing of the
62 individual’s tribal enrollment was added.

63 “(c) The original record of live birth shall be sealed and made available only upon the
64 demand of the individual to whom the new certificate of live birth was issued or by an
65 order of the court.”.

66 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

67 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
68 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of
69 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

70 Sec. 4. Effective date.

71 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
72 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional
73 review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,
74 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and
75 publication in the District of Columbia Register.