

House Bill 845

By: Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, Taylor of the 173rd, Carson of the 46th, Gullett of the 19th, Mathiak of the 74th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 10 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vital
2 records, so as to provide for the issuance of a "Certificate of Foreign Birth" by the state
3 registrar without a judicial order if certain criteria are satisfied; to provide for necessary
4 forms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 10 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vital records,
8 is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "31-10-13.3.

10 (a) A child who has automatically acquired United States citizenship following a foreign
11 adoption and who possesses a Certificate of Citizenship in accordance with the federal
12 Child Citizenship Act of 2000, P. L. 106-395, 114 Stat. 1631, shall be exempt from the
13 provisions of Code Section 31-10-13, requiring a report of adoption from a court of
14 competent jurisdiction in this state to acquire a 'Certificate of Foreign Birth.'

15 (b) The state registrar, upon written request, shall prepare a 'Certificate of Foreign Birth'
16 reflecting the actual date and place of birth for a child who was born in a foreign country,

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17 was adopted by a United States citizen, and has automatically acquired citizenship in
18 accordance with the federal Child Citizenship Act upon the production of all of the
19 following documents:

20 (1) The child's Certificate of Citizenship;

21 (2) A certified copy of the child's foreign birth certificate and certified English
22 translation;

23 (3) The original documents related to the foreign adoption certified by the United States
24 Embassy abroad and certified English translation;

25 (4) The social security card of the child;

26 (5) A valid government issued picture identification of the parent or parents, such as a
27 passport or driver's license; and

28 (6) Proof of residency of the parent or parents in the State of Georgia.

29 (c) The state registrar shall develop any necessary forms for adoptive parents to submit in
30 order to request a 'Certificate of Foreign Birth.'

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.