

**§2766. Statement of birth parents' identity**

A person 18 years of age or older, born and adopted in this State, may apply to the state registrar for a statement identifying that person's birth parents. The adoptee shall submit to the state registrar the following: [RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §139 (COR).]

**1. Proof.** Proof that the birth parents are deceased; [PL 1983, c. 356 (NEW).]

**2. Affidavit.** An affidavit from a blood relative who is not a sibling and who is at least 10 years older than the adoptee, verifying that the adoptee lived with the birth parents for 5 years; and [PL 1983, c. 356 (NEW).]

**3. Order.** An order from the Probate Court or Superior Court authorizing the state registrar to open the original birth certificate to verify the identity of the birth parents. [PL 1983, c. 356 (NEW).]

Upon verification of the information in this section, the state registrar shall prepare a form identifying the birth parents of the adoptee. This form must be attached to the new certificate of birth established pursuant to section 2765. A copy of the form must be attached to an abstract of birth issued by the Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics and must be provided to the adoptee. [PL 2009, c. 601, §21 (AMD).]

A statement of identification of the birth parents shall not affect the rights of inheritance and descent. The form shall contain the following words in a conspicuous place: "This statement shall not affect the rights of inheritance and descent of the adoptee." [PL 1983, c. 356 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1983, c. 356 (NEW). PL 2001, c. 574, §25 (AMD). PL 2009, c. 601, §21 (AMD). RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §139 (COR).

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