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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to certain certificates and reports filed with the bureau  
3 of vital statistics.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 192.009, Health and Safety Code, is  
6 amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

7 (d) If the bureau of vital statistics determines that a  
8 certificate filed with the state registrar under this section  
9 requires correction, the bureau shall mail the certificate directly  
10 to an attorney of record with respect to the petition of adoption,  
11 annulment of adoption, or revocation of adoption. The attorney  
12 shall return the corrected certificate to the bureau. If there is no  
13 attorney of record, the bureau shall mail the certificate to the  
14 clerk of the court for correction.

15 SECTION 2. Section 194.002, Health and Safety Code, is  
16 amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

17 (f) If the bureau of vital statistics determines that a  
18 report filed with the bureau under this section requires  
19 correction, the bureau shall mail the report form directly to an  
20 attorney of record with respect to the divorce or annulment of  
21 marriage. The attorney shall return the corrected report form to  
22 the bureau. If there is no attorney of record, the bureau shall mail  
23 the report form to the district clerk for correction.

24 SECTION 3. Section 108.003, Family Code, is amended by

1 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

2 (c) If the bureau of vital statistics determines that a  
3 report filed with the bureau under this section requires  
4 correction, the bureau shall mail the report directly to an  
5 attorney of record with respect to the adoption. The attorney shall  
6 return the corrected report to the bureau. If there is no attorney  
7 of record, the bureau shall mail the report to the clerk of the  
8 court for correction.

9 SECTION 4. Subchapter E, Chapter 6, Family Code, is amended  
10 by adding Section 6.410 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 6.410. REPORT TO ACCOMPANY PETITION. At the time a  
12 petition for divorce or annulment of a marriage is filed, the  
13 petitioner shall also file a completed report that may be used by  
14 the district clerk, at the time the petition is granted, to comply  
15 with Section 194.002, Health and Safety Code.

16 SECTION 5. Subchapter G, Chapter 162, Family Code, is  
17 amended by adding Section 162.602 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 162.602. DOCUMENTATION TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR  
19 ADOPTION OR ANNULMENT OR REVOCATION OF ADOPTION. At the time a  
20 petition for adoption or annulment or revocation of adoption is  
21 filed, the petitioner shall also file completed documentation that  
22 may be used by the clerk of the court, at the time the petition is  
23 granted, to comply with Section 192.009, Health and Safety Code,  
24 and Section 108.003.

25 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and  
26 applies only to a certificate or report that the bureau of vital  
27 statistics of the Texas Department of Health determines requires

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1 correction on or after that date.