

1-1 By: Van Arsdale (Senate Sponsor - Lindsay) H.B. No. 2886
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2003;
1-3 May 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; May 19, 2003, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 19, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to certain certificates and reports filed with the bureau
1-9 of vital statistics.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 192.009, Health and Safety Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-13 (d) If the bureau of vital statistics determines that a
1-14 certificate filed with the state registrar under this section
1-15 requires correction, the bureau shall mail the certificate directly
1-16 to an attorney of record with respect to the petition of adoption,
1-17 annulment of adoption, or revocation of adoption. The attorney
1-18 shall return the corrected certificate to the bureau. If there is no
1-19 attorney of record, the bureau shall mail the certificate to the
1-20 clerk of the court for correction.

1-21 SECTION 2. Section 194.002, Health and Safety Code, is
1-22 amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

1-23 (f) If the bureau of vital statistics determines that a
1-24 report filed with the bureau under this section requires
1-25 correction, the bureau shall mail the report form directly to an
1-26 attorney of record with respect to the divorce or annulment of
1-27 marriage. The attorney shall return the corrected report form to
1-28 the bureau. If there is no attorney of record, the bureau shall mail
1-29 the report form to the district clerk for correction.

1-30 SECTION 3. Section 108.003, Family Code, is amended by
1-31 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-32 (c) If the bureau of vital statistics determines that a
1-33 report filed with the bureau under this section requires
1-34 correction, the bureau shall mail the report directly to an
1-35 attorney of record with respect to the adoption. The attorney shall
1-36 return the corrected report to the bureau. If there is no attorney
1-37 of record, the bureau shall mail the report to the clerk of the
1-38 court for correction.

1-39 SECTION 4. Subchapter E, Chapter 6, Family Code, is amended
1-40 by adding Section 6.410 to read as follows:

1-41 Sec. 6.410. REPORT TO ACCOMPANY PETITION. At the time a
1-42 petition for divorce or annulment of a marriage is filed, the
1-43 petitioner shall also file a completed report that may be used by
1-44 the district clerk, at the time the petition is granted, to comply
1-45 with Section 194.002, Health and Safety Code.

1-46 SECTION 5. Subchapter G, Chapter 162, Family Code, is
1-47 amended by adding Section 162.602 to read as follows:

1-48 Sec. 162.602. DOCUMENTATION TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR
1-49 ADOPTION OR ANNULMENT OR REVOCATION OF ADOPTION. At the time a
1-50 petition for adoption or annulment or revocation of adoption is
1-51 filed, the petitioner shall also file completed documentation that
1-52 may be used by the clerk of the court, at the time the petition is
1-53 granted, to comply with Section 192.009, Health and Safety Code,
1-54 and Section 108.003.

1-55 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and
1-56 applies only to a certificate or report that the bureau of vital
1-57 statistics of the Texas Department of Health determines requires
1-58 correction on or after that date.

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