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H.B. No. 537

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 537:

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C.S.H.B. No. 537

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the information on the supplementary birth certificate  
3 of an adopted child.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 192.008, Health and Safety Code, is  
6 amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

7 (a-1) The supplementary birth certificate of an adopted  
8 child must be in the names of both adoptive parents, as reflected on  
9 the certificate of adoption, unless the child is adopted by a single  
10 individual. Copies of the child's birth certificates or birth  
11 records may not disclose that the child is adopted.

12 SECTION 2. Section 192.008(a), Health and Safety Code, is  
13 repealed.

14 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
15 to a supplementary birth certificate issued on or after the  
16 effective date of this Act. A supplementary birth certificate  
17 issued before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law  
18 in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the  
19 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

20 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.