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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(a), Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The supplementary birth certificate of an adopted child
8 must be in the names of both [~~the~~] adoptive parents [~~, one of whom~~
9 ~~must be a female, named as the mother, and the other of whom must be~~
10 ~~a male, named as the father~~]. This subsection does not prohibit a
11 single individual, male or female, from adopting a child. Copies of
12 the child's birth certificates or birth records may not disclose
13 that the child is adopted.

14 SECTION 2. 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 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.