
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **214** Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MR. McCREESH, FEBRUARY 14, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND
WELFARE, FEBRUARY 14, 1961.

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 29 1953 (P L 304) entitled "An act providing for the administration of a statewide system of vital statistics prescribing the functions of the State Department of Health the State Advisory Health Board and local registrars imposing duties upon coroners prothonotaries clerks of orphans' court physicians midwives and other persons requiring reports and certificates for the registration of vital statistics regulating the disposition of dead bodies limiting the disclosure of records prescribing the sufficiency of vital statistics records as evidence

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter ~~stricken through~~ is to be omitted from bill.
Underscoring indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter ~~stricken from existing law.~~

prescribing fees and penalties and revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto" further providing for the registration of children born in countries other than the United States and the registration of foreign born children adopted in Pennsylvania

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

1 Section 1 Section 403 and 604 act of June 29 1953 (P L 304)
2 added July 3 1957 (P L 443) entitled "An act providing for the ad-
3 ministration of a statewide system of vital statistics prescribing the
4 functions of the State Department of Health the State Advisory Health
5 Board and local registrars imposing duties upon coroners prothonotaries
6 clerks of orphans' court physicians midwives and other persons requir-
7 ing reports and certificates for the registration of vital statistics regu-
8 lating the disposition of dead bodies limiting the disclosure of records
9 prescribing the sufficiency of vital statistics records as evidence pre-
10 scribing fees and penalties and revising and consolidating the laws re-
11 lating thereto" are amended to read

12 Section 403 Birth Registration Children Born in a Country Other
13 Than the United States The department shall upon request complete
14 and register birth certificates for any child born in a country other than

1 the United States when either parent is or becomes a citizen of the
2 United States and a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
3 Such certificates shall show the true country and date of birth and that
4 the certificate is not evidence of the United States citizenship of the
5 registrant For such registration the department shall require proof of
6 parental United States citizenship and of Pennsylvania residence Cer-
7 tified copies of such certificates shall be issued upon application and
8 payment of the prescribed fee

9 Section 604 Change of Civil Status Registration of Foreign Born
10 Children Adopted in Pennsylvania For any child born in a foreign
11 country but adopted in Pennsylvania whose adopting parents are or
12 become United States citizens and residence of Pennsylvania the de-
13 partment shall upon request complete and register a birth certificate
14 upon receipt of a certified copy of the decree of adoption together with
15 proof of the date and place of the child's birth The certificate shall
16 show the new name of the child as specified in the decree of adoption
17 and such further information concerning the adopting parents as may
18 be necessary to complete the birth certificate The certificate shall show
19 the true country and date of birth of the child and that the certificate

- 1 is not evidence of United States citizenship Certified copies of such
- 2 certificates shall be issued upon application and payment of the pre-
- 3 scribed fee

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of
Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The day of A. D. 1961.

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Governor