

Senate Bill 100

By: Senators Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Williams of the 25th, Still of the 48th, Albers of the 56th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 31-10-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 issuance of a new birth certificate following adoption and legitimation or paternity
3 determination, so as to provide for the issuance of a copy of the original birth certificate to
4 certain adult persons who were adopted; to provide for a fee; to provide for the form of such
5 copy; to standardize terminology relating to birth certificates; to provide for a short title; to
6 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Andee's Law."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Code Section 31-10-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance of a
12 new birth certificate following adoption and legitimation or paternity determination, is
13 amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

14 "(h)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section or any other provision
15 of law, any person who is 18 years of age or older who was born in this state and for

16 whom a new birth certificate was established pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a)
17 of this Code section may request and receive a copy of his or her original birth certificate
18 by complying with the provisions of this subsection. The state registrar shall require a
19 person seeking an original birth certificate to pay the fee for a birth certificate as
20 prescribed pursuant to Code Section 31-10-27. The copy of the original birth certificate
21 shall be in a form that clearly indicates it is not a certified copy and that it may not be
22 used for legal purposes.

23 (2) If the person who was born in this state and for whom a new birth certificate was
24 established pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section is deceased,
25 any parent, sibling, or descendant of that person may receive a copy of the decedent's
26 original birth certificate pursuant to the procedures contained in this subsection.

27 (3) This subsection shall apply to all applications for original birth certificates for
28 adopted persons presented to the state registrar on or after July 1, 2025."

29 **SECTION 3.**

30 The Official Code of Georgia Annotated is amended by replacing "certificate of birth" and
31 "certificates of birth" wherever either such term occurs with "birth certificate" and "birth
32 certificates", respectively, in:

33 (1) Code Section 19-3-36, relating to proof of age of applicants for marriage license;

34 (2) Code Section 19-7-46.1, relating to effect of father's name or social security number
35 on records as evidence of paternity;

36 (3) Code Section 31-10-1, relating to definitions relative to vital records, in
37 paragraph (14);

38 (4) Code Section 31-10-6, relating to local registrars, local custodians, special abstracting
39 agents, and deputies;

40 (5) Code Section 31-10-8, relating to certification to county treasurers of birth and death
41 certificates and spontaneous fetal death reports;

- 42 (6) Code Section 31-10-9, relating to registration of births;
- 43 (7) Code Section 31-10-9.1, relating to social security account information of parents;
- 44 (8) Code Section 31-10-10, relating to registration of live born infants of unknown
45 parentage;
- 46 (9) Code Section 31-10-11, relating to registration of delayed certificate of birth;
- 47 (10) Code Section 31-10-12, relating to judicial procedure to establish facts of birth;
- 48 (11) Code Section 31-10-13, relating to certificates of adoption;
- 49 (12) Code Section 31-10-14, relating to issuance of new certificate of birth following
50 adoption and legitimation or paternity determination;
- 51 (13) Code Section 31-10-23, relating to amendment of certificates or reports;
- 52 (14) Code Section 31-10-26, relating to issuance of certified copies of vital records,
53 voluntary acknowledgments of paternity, and voluntary acknowledgments of
54 legitimation;
- 55 (15) Code Section 31-10-28, relating to institutions to keep vital records;
- 56 (16) Code Section 31-10-31, relating to penalties; and
- 57 (17) Code Section 31-10-33, relating to procedure for stillbirth.

58 **SECTION 4.**

59 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.