WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1978

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ENROLLED
Committee Substitute for
HOUSE BILL No. 739

(By Mr. Harman and Mr. Tats)

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PASSED January 25, 1978

In Effect from Passage

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AN ACT to amend article five, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section eighteen-a, relating to issuance of a new certificate of birth for children born in a country other than the United States upon adoption in this state.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article five, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section eighteen-a, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. VITAL STATISTICS.

§16-5-18a. Record of foreign birth in adoption cases.

1 When it appears from a certificate of adoption, transmitted to the state registrar of vital statistics as provided for in section sixteen of this article, that the child was born outside of the United States or its territories, then upon submission to the state registrar of vital statistics of evidence as to the child's
birthdate and birthplace provided by the original birth certificate, or a certified copy, extract, or translation thereof or by any other essentially equivalent document including, but not limited to, the records of the United States immigration and naturalization service or of the United State's department of state, the state registrar of vital statistics shall make and file a new birth certificate for the child. The new birth certificate shall include the actual place and date of birth, the child's name and parentage as ordered in the decree of adoption and any other necessary facts as required by the state registrar.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect from passage.

J. D. Allison Jr.  
Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. T. Boardman Sr.  
President of the Senate

Donald L. Foote  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within ______________ approved this the __________ day of ______________, 1978.

John D. Boling  
Governor