SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Martiny to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 155 by Senator Martiny

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

- 2 On page 1, line 3, after "R.S. 40:73(E)" and before the comma "," insert "and (F)"
- 3 AMENDMENT NO. 2
- 4 On page 2, line 2, delete "is" and insert "and (F) are"
- 5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 6, after "contrary," and before "an adopted" insert "beginning on August 15, 2012, and thereafter,"

- 8 AMENDMENT NO. 4
- 9 On page 2, after line 14, insert the following:

10 "F.(1) At any time, a birth parent may request from the state registrar 11 a contact preference form that once executed, shall be submitted to the state 12 registrar. The contact preference form shall contain, at a minimum, the following information: 13 14 (a) Name of the child on original birth certificate. 15 (b) Date of child's birth. 16 (c) Location of birth. (d) Hospital where the child was delivered. 17 18 (e) Sex of the child. 19 (f) Statements from which the birth parent may choose only one of the following: 20 (i) I agree to the release of my identifying information as it appears on 21 22 my birth son's or birth daughter's original birth certificate. I would like to be 23 contacted by my birth son or birth daughter. My current contact information 24 is as follows: 25 **Address:** 26 **Telephone number:** 27 (ii) I agree to the release of my identifying information as it appears on 28 my birth son's or birth daughter's original birth certificate. I would prefer not 29 to be contacted by my birth son or birth daughter. 30 (iii) I wish to prohibit the release of my first name, last name, and birth 31 son's or birth daughter's last name, if such last name is the same as mine, as 32 such information appears on my birth son's or birth daughter's original birth certificate. I do not wish to be contacted by my birth son or birth daughter. I 33 34 understand that this request for anonymity shall expire upon my death. 35 (g) A statement providing that a copy of the contact preference form 36 shall be forwarded to the birth son or birth daughter should a request be made 37 with the state registrar for an uncertified copy of his or her original birth 38 certificate. However, if the birth parent selects the statement provided for in 39 Item (1)(f)(iii) of this Subsection, identifying information shall be redacted from 40 the copy of the contact preference form prior to the form being forwarded to 41 the birth son or birth daughter during the lifetime of the birth parent. 42 (2)(a) Upon request of an adopted person for an uncertified copy of his 43 original birth certificate, the registrar, prior to delivering an uncertified copy of the original birth certificate to the adopted person, shall determine whether 44 45 either or both birth parents have filed a contact preference form with the state 46 registrar. If either or both birth parents have submitted a contact preference

form, the registrar shall deliver a copy of the contact preference form or forms and the uncertified copy of the original birth certificate to the adopted person.

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(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, if the registrar determines that a contact preference form or forms were filed pursuant to this Subsection and the statement was selected by a birth parent to prohibit the release of identifying information on the original birth certificate, the registrar shall redact identifying information from the contact preference form or forms and the uncertified copy of the original birth certificate prior to delivery to the adopted person.

(3) The submission of the contact preference form and the contact preference form shall be confidential and treated, for all legal purposes, in the same manner as the sealed package.

13(4) The Department of Health Hospitals shall adopt rules and14regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement15the provisions of this Subsection by November 1, 2011."