

# WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

### 2013 Assembly Bill 17

## **Assembly Amendment 1**

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2013 Assembly Bill 17 relates to the restoration of information from an original birth certificate after adoption.

#### 2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 17

Assembly Bill 17 creates a procedure to allow an adult, who was adopted as a child, to have a new birth certificate issued that shows the birth parents' names, and the time and hospital of the birth. A court may not order the preparation of a new birth certificate if either birth parent objects. The procedure does not alter the person's current legal relationships with the adoptive or birth parents.

#### ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 specifies that reinstatement of the birth parents' information on the birth certificate does not authorize a legal name change. It also specifies that prior birth certificates must be impounded in the same manner as for the impounding of prior birth certificates when other changes are made.

#### **BILL HISTORY**

On July 30, 2013, the Assembly Committee on Family Law recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 17, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

On October 8, 2013, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1, and passed the bill, as amended, on voice votes.

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