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H.B. NO. 1964-82

A Bill for an Act Relating to Vital Statistics.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 338-17.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§338-17.7 Establishment of new certificates of birth, when. (a) The director of health shall establish a new birth certificate for a person born in this State upon receipt of a certified copy of a court determination of paternity together with a request from the natural mother or person having legal custody of the child that such new certificate be prepared. The surname of the child shall be that of the mother unless the decree or request provided otherwise.

(b) A new certificate of birth shall be prepared by the director of health for a child or children legitimated as provided in section 338-21.

(c) A new certificate of birth shall be prepared by the director of health for a child or children born in a foreign country upon compliance with section 338-20.5.

(d) A new certificate of birth shall be prepared by the director of health for a person born in the State upon receipt of an affidavit by a physician that he has examined the person and has found that the sex item on the person's birth certificate was entered incorrectly.

(e) A new certificate of birth shall be prepared by the director of health for a person born in the State upon receipt of an affidavit of a physician that he has examined the person who has had a sex change operation and that by reason of the operation the sex designation on such person's birth record should be changed. The director of health may make a further investigation or require any further information he deems necessary.

(f) A new certificate of birth shall be prepared by the director of health for a person born in the State upon showing by a law enforcement agency that such issuance would provide for the safety of such person. The new certificate of birth shall contain such information as requested by such law enforcement agency.

[(f)] (g) When a new certificate of birth is established under this section, it shall be substituted for the original certificate of birth. Thereafter, the original certificate and the evidence supporting the preparation of the new certificate

shall be sealed and filed. Such sealed document shall be opened only by an order of a court of record."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

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SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 20, 1982.)