

ACT 148

S.B. NO. 602

A Bill for an Act Relating to Family Court.

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

SECTION 1. Section 578-14.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) Whenever possible, a completed form with the required information on each natural parent shall accompany any document, to be filed with the family court, which requests the relinquishment, termination, or divestiture of parental rights, as provided under sections 571-61 and 587-73(b)(3), and the petition for adoption under this chapter. If available, a copy of the hospital or other facility’s medical records under subsection (b) shall also accompany the document to be filed in the family court. This copy shall not be disseminated to the parties and shall be sealed by the family court pending transmittal to the department of health [with the decree of adoption].”

SECTION 2. Section 578-14.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsections (e), (f) and (g) to read as follows:

“(e) The completed forms shall be made a part of the [adoption records of the family court under section 578-15.] records of the department of health.

(f) [A copy of each] The completed [form] forms and, if applicable, the previously sealed copy of the natural mother’s medical records shall be forwarded to the department of health [with the decree of adoption]. The department shall extract from the medical records pertinent information relating to inheritable diseases and genetic disorders and shall retain this information in an abstract. The completed forms and the abstract, if available, shall be included in the department’s adoption records.

(g) An adopted child upon reaching the age of majority, the adoptive parent, guardian or custodian on behalf of a minor adopted child, or an authorized designee of the adult adopted child or of the minor's adoptive parent may file a written application with the department of health for access to the information described in subsection (f)."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 22, 1991.)