

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1431**

H. P. 1190

House of Representatives, March 26, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Howe of South Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Provide for a Method of Arranging Voluntary Meetings Between  
Adoptees and Adoptive Parents and Natural Parents.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

22 MRSA § 2706-A is enacted to read:

**§ 2706-A. File of adoptees and natural parents**

The state registrar shall maintain a file containing the names and addresses of adopted persons who are 18 years of age or over or adoptive parents of adopted persons under 18 years of age who have informed the Office of Vital Statistics that they wish to contact the adopted persons' biological parents. The state registrar shall also maintain a file of the names and addresses of persons who are the biological parents of adopted children and who have informed the Office of Vital Statistics that they wish to contact their biological children or the adoptive parents of their biological children.

When the state registrar has a request for contact from both a biological parent and either the biological child of that parent or an adoptive parent of that child, he shall notify both parties so that the parties may arrange a meeting between themselves.

**The state registrar shall, by appropriate means, make known to the public the fact that such a file is maintained and that any adopted person who is 18 years of age or older, adoptive parent on behalf of an adopted person under 18 years of age or biological parent of an adopted child may request that their name be added to the file.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to establish in the office of vital statistics a file in which adopted children 18 years of age or older, adoptive parents of adopted children under 18 years of age or biological parents of adopted children can register their desire to locate each other. This process will be totally voluntary and no meetings will occur until all parties have registered with the office of vital statistics.