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- his majority and next of kin of a deceased birth
 parent.
- Any birth parent or adoptee, upon request to the court or agency, may sign a form of nonconsent, stipulating that only nonidentifying information shall be released to the inquirer. This information shall be factual and updated whenever possible.
 - Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2765, sub-§5, as amended by PL
 1979, c. 168, §2, is further amended to read:
 - Copies of original certificate. When the new certificate of birth is established, the state registrar shall provide each municipal clerk who is required by law to have a copy of the certificate birth on file with a copy of the new certificate of In the case of a Maine certificate of birth birth. established for a person born in a foreign country, a copy of the certificate shall be provided to and shall be maintained on file by the clerk of the municipality where the adoptive parents resided on the date of the adoption. All copies of the original certificate in the custody of any municipal clerk shall be sealed from inspection by the general public surrendered to the state registrar as he shall ordirect. This shall not be construed as a denial of access to the birth parent or the adoptee who shall be given copies upon request.

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The purpose of this bill is to allow adoptees, birth parents and certain others directly involved in an adoption to gain limited access to adoption records. The bill also provides for the signing of nonconsent forms which will protect the right of privacy of those persons who wish to remain anonymous, yet still acknowledge the inquirer's need to know.

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