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1 (New Draft of S.P. 827, L.D. 2087)  
2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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6 Legislative Document

No. 2276

8 S.P. 909

In Senate, March 31, 1986

9 Reported by Senator Najarian of Cumberland from the Committee on  
10 Legal Affairs and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill sponsored by  
11 Senator Gill of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative McPherson of  
Eliot, Senator Clark of Cumberland and Representative Nicholson of South  
Portland.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX  
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18 AN ACT Concerning Access to Vital Records in  
19 Cases of Adoption.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 22 MRSA §2706-A, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1979,  
24 c. 384, is amended to read:

25 5. Request for contact. When the state registrar  
26 has a request for contact from both a biological par-  
27 ent and that parent's adopted child or the child's  
28 adoptive parent, he shall notify each party of the  
29 name and address of the other party. If a biological  
30 parent, an adoptive parent or an adopted person reg-  
31 istered under this section has made a request for  
32 contact and the party being sought died in Maine, the  
33 state registrar may disclose to the requesting party  
34 the fact that the biological parent, adoptive parent  
35 or the adopted person has died.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2           This new draft retains the purpose of the origi-  
3           nal bill in allowing the state registrar to tell an  
4           adoptee, a biological parent or an adoptive parent  
5           when the party they are seeking is dead. The state  
6           registrar has such information only for people who  
7           died in Maine. The language is clarified to allow  
8           the state registrar to give only the information that  
9           the person being sought is dead and none of the cir-  
10          cumstances surrounding that death.

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