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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VITAL STATISTICS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 338-17.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3           "(b) When a new certificate of birth is established under  
4 this section, it shall be substituted for the original  
5 certificate of birth. Thereafter, except as provided in section  
6 338-20(e), the original certificate and the evidence supporting  
7 the preparation of the new certificate shall be sealed and  
8 filed. Such sealed document shall be opened only by an order of  
9 a court of record."

10           SECTION 2. Section 338-20, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

12           "(e) The sealed documents may be opened by the department  
13 only [by] :

14           (1) By an order of a court of record [er-when];

15           (2) When requested in accordance with section 578-14.5 or  
16           578-15 [-]; or

17           (3) When requested in writing by the adopted person who is  
18           at least eighteen years of age.



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1 Upon receipt of a certified copy of a court order setting aside  
2 a decree of adoption, the department shall restore the original  
3 certificate to its original place in the files."

4 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

Vital Statistics; Original Birth Certificate

**Description:**

Permits access to original birth certificate by an adopted person when the person attains the age of 18.

