

CHAPTER 107
MUTUAL CONSENT VOLUNTARY ADOPTION REGISTRY

641—107.1(78GA, HF497) Definitions.

“*Adult*” means an individual who has reached the age of 18 years at the time of making application to the registry.

“*Department*” means the department of public health.

“*Sibling*” means one of two or more persons born of the same parents or, sometimes, having one parent in common; brother or sister.

641—107.2(78GA, HF497) Eligibility. The state registrar shall establish a mutual consent voluntary adoption registry through which adult adopted children, adult siblings and the biological parents of adult adoptees may register to obtain identifying information. All identifying information maintained in the registry is confidential. Any person who discloses such information in violation of Iowa law is subject to criminal penalties. All requests shall be completed on the form provided by the department.

107.2(1) The state registrar shall reveal the identity of the biological parent to the adult adopted child or the identity of the adult adopted child to the biological parent if the following conditions are met:

a. A biological parent has filed a completed request form and provided consent to the revelation of the biological parent’s identity to the adult adopted child, upon request of the adult adopted child; and

b. An adult adopted child has filed a completed request form and provided consent to the revelation of the identity of the adult adopted child to a biological parent, upon request of the biological parent.

107.2(2) The state registrar shall reveal the identity of the adult adopted child to an adult sibling and shall notify the parties involved that the requests have been matched, and disclose the identifying information to those parties if all of the following conditions are met:

a. An adult adopted child has filed a completed request form and provided consent to the revelation of the adult adopted child’s identity to an adult sibling;

b. The adult sibling has filed a completed request form and provided consent to the revelation of the identity of the adult sibling to the adult adopted child; and

c. The state registrar has been provided sufficient information to make the requested match.

641—107.3(78GA, HF497) Exception. If the adult adopted person has a sibling who is a minor and who has also been adopted, the state registrar shall not grant the request of either the adult adopted person or the biological parent to reveal the identities of the parties.

641—107.4(78GA, HF497) Application. Application forms shall be provided by the department and shall be the only application accepted for registration. The adult adoptee, adult sibling, and biological parent completing an application shall be responsible for updating the contact information required.

641—107.5(78GA, HF497) Notification. Notification of parties shall be initiated via telephone at which time address information shall be verified and written notice sent to the parties involved. Written notice shall be mailed via certified mail with return notification requested.

641—107.6(78GA, HF497) Withdrawal. A person who has filed a request or provided consent may withdraw the consent at any time prior to the release of any information by completing and filing a written withdrawal of consent statement on the form provided by the department.

641—107.7(78GA, HF497) Fees. The state registrar shall collect a fee of \$25 for the filing of a completed application for the registry. A fee of \$2 shall be charged for updating applicant information maintained in the registry.

These rules are intended to implement 1999 Iowa Acts, House File 497, section 19.

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