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HUMAN RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 2209
BY CARROLL

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the provision of a copy of a certificate of
2 birth to a biological parent.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 144.13A, subsection 2, Code Supplement
2 2003, is amended to read as follows:

3 2. The state registrar shall charge the parent a separate
4 fee established under section 144.46 for a certified copy of
5 the certificate. The certified copy shall be mailed to the
6 parent by the state registrar. Unless a biological parent
7 declines the mailing or receipt of a certified copy, the
8 mailing of a certified copy of the certificate to a biological
9 parent shall not be precluded by the execution of a release of
10 custody under chapter 600A, and a biological parent shall be
11 provided with a certified copy of the certificate until such
12 time as a final adoption decree has been issued under chapter
13 600.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill provides that unless a biological parent declines
16 the mailing of a certified copy of a certificate of birth to
17 the parent, the execution of a release of custody under the
18 termination of parental rights Code chapter does not preclude
19 the mailing of the certified copy to the biological parent and
20 the certified copy is to be provided to a biological parent
21 until a final adoption decree has been issued.

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