

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved May 20, 1982.

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CHAPTER 387

(House Bill 978)

AN ACT concerning

Adoption Records - Inspection

FOR the purpose of permitting an adopted individual to petition the court for access to certain adoption records for health reasons; and requiring the court to permit inspection of the records under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the inspection of adoption records.

BY adding to

Article 16 - Chancery  
Section 85  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article 16 - Chancery

85.

~~(A) -- IF -- AN -- ADOPTED -- INDIVIDUAL -- NEEDS -- ANY -- MEDICAL INFORMATION IN THE COURT RECORD OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S ADOPTION FOR HEALTH REASONS, -- THE INDIVIDUAL MAY -- PETITION -- THE -- COURT FOR -- PERMISSION TO INSPECT ANY PART OF THE RECORD CONTAINING MEDICAL INFORMATION.~~

~~(B) -- IF THE COURT FINDS THAT ANY MEDICAL INFORMATION IN THE COURT RECORD OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S ADOPTION IS NEEDED -- FOR THE HEALTH OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR OF ANY BLOOD RELATIVE OF THE INDIVIDUAL, -- THE COURT SHALL ORDER OPEN TO INSPECTION BY THE INDIVIDUAL THE PART OF -- THE -- RECORD -- CONTAINING -- THE -- NEEDED MEDICAL INFORMATION.~~

(A) AN ADOPTED INDIVIDUAL MAY PETITION A COURT FOR PERMISSION TO INSPECT ONLY THAT PART OF THE ADOPTION AGENCY OR COURT RECORD CONTAINING MEDICAL INFORMATION IF THE