

## **Registering Consent to an Adopted Child's Request for Identifying Information Statement**

In 1984 New York established a state Adoption Information Registry within the state department of health to enable adopted children to get identifying information about their biological parents. New York Chapter 435 of 2008 enhances awareness of that Registry by directing that a biological parent be given an Adoption Information Registry Birth Parent Registration Consent form at the time they surrender their child for adoption. Parents may give their consent at the time of surrender, to the child's receiving identifying information upon such child's voluntary registration on or after turning 18 years old. The form advises parents that the decision regarding consent can be made at any time and that once consent is given, can be revoked. The parent is also advised that it is their responsibility to update the Registry. This is especially important because the health of an adopted child may depend on having information about hereditary illnesses and/or biological predispositions within their biological family which were unknown at the time they were surrendered for adoption.

Submitted as:

New York

Chapter 435 of 2008

Status: Enacted into law in 2008.