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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 3 of 2013

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Births and Deaths Registration
Act, Chap. 44:01

[Assented to 16th May, 2013]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment
follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Births and Deaths Short title
Registration (Amendment) Act, 2013.

Section 22 of the Act
amended
Chap. 44:01

2. The Births and Deaths Registration Act is amended in section 22—

(a) in subsection (1), by deleting—

(i) the words “or if it was registered without a name, when a name is given to it,”; and

(ii) the words “or given,”;

(b) by inserting, after subsection (1), the following subsections:

“ (1A) Where the birth of a child has been registered without a name and the child has subsequently been named—

(a) the parent, guardian or other person having authority to make the request to have the name of the child inserted in the register book; or

(b) the holder of the certificate of birth, if he has attained the age of eighteen years,

may apply, at any time, on the prescribed form to the Registrar General for the name to be inserted in the register book.

(1B) An application made under subsection (1A) shall be accompanied by the following documents:

(a) a certificate in the form required under subsection (2);

- (b) a certified copy of the certificate of birth of the child;
- (c) a declaration, made under the Statutory Declarations Act, by Chap. 7:04 the applicant, stating the relationship of the applicant to the child or the authority of the applicant to make the request for the insertion of the name;
- (d) the documents specified in regulation 2 of the Births and Deaths Registration (Registration of Births After Twelve Months) Regulations; and
- (e) any other document that the Registrar General may require.

(1C) The Registrar General may waive any requirement set out in subsection (1B)(d).

(1D) Upon receipt of an application made in accordance with subsections (1A) and (1B), the Registrar General may—

- (a) without any erasure of the original entry, enter in the register book, the name mentioned in the certificate submitted by the applicant under

subsection (1B)(a), as having been given to the child; and

(b) alter the relevant index books of births accordingly.

(1E) Where, subsequent to the insertion of the name of a child in the register book, an application is made for a certified copy of the entry in the register book, the certified copy shall be prepared as if the registration of birth had been made in the name so inserted.”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 1st day of March, 2013.

J. SAMPSON-MEIGUEL

Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 19th day of March, 2013.

N. ATIBA-DILCHAN

Clerk of the Senate