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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**BILL**

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

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THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT)  
BILL, 2012

**Explanatory Note**

(These notes form no part of the Bill but are intended only to indicate its general purport)

This Bill would amend the Births and Deaths Registration Act, Chap. 44:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) to enable the name of a child to be entered on the Register of Births at any time after the birth has been registered.

Clause 1 of the Bill would provide the short title.

Clause 2 of the Bill would, *inter alia*, amend section 22(1) of the Act to remove the time limit of twelve months, from the date of registration of a child’s birth, in respect of the late entry of the child’s name in the register book. Clause 2 would also amend the Act by including four new sections.

Under the proposed subsection (1A), where the birth of a child has been registered without a name and the child has subsequently been named, an application can be made to the Registrar General, at any time, for the name to be inserted in the Register.

The proposed subsection (1B) lists the documents that must accompany an application made under subsection (1A).

Under the proposed subsection (1C) the Registrar General may, upon receiving an application under subsection (1A), enter the name of the child in the register.

The proposed subsection (1D) would provide for a certified copy of the entry to be prepared as if the registration of the child’s birth had been made in the name so inserted.

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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, 2012.

**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; and
- (d) any other document that the Registrar General may require.

(1C) 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.

(1D) 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      day  
of                      , 2012.

*Clerk of the House*

I confirm the above.

*Speaker*

Passed in the Senate this      day of                      ,  
2012.

*Clerk of the Senate*

I confirm the above.

*President of the Senate*

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