

REPUBLIC ACT 11222

(An Act Allowing The Rectification Of Simulated Birth Records And Prescribing Administrative Adoption Proceedings For The Purpose)

(Simulated Birth Rectification Act)



Background

February 21, 2019

RA 11222 signed into law by the President.

<u> March 14, 2019</u>

Publication in Official Gazette

March 29, 2019

Date of effectivity



MAIN FEATURES OF THE EXISTING ADOPTION LAWS AND RA 11222

Existing Adoption Laws (RA 8552 & RA 9523)	RA 11222
Involves a socio-legal process; finalization of Adoption is in court	Purely Administrative in Nature
The Department caters only to abandoned, neglected, surrendered children through the issuance of CDCLAA	



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should be cancelled first before	Cancellation of the simulated BC will happen after the issuance of the Order of Adoption by the Secretary.
	There is no matching process involved because the child has been living with the PAPs for at least 3 years.



ORDER OF ADOPTION will involve:

- A. Cancellation of the simulated BC
- A. Issuance of Rectified Birth, using the true facts of birth of the child.
- A. Issuance of a new/amended BC







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Salient Provisions of RA 11222

<u>Main purpose</u>: **To** fix the status and filiation of a child whose birth record was simulated prior to the effectivity of the law and who has been with the known parents for atleast 3 yrs. before the effectivity of the Act.

To grant amnesty and exempt from criminal, civil and administrative liability those who simulated a child's birth record prior to the effectivity of the Act, provided a petition for Administrative Adoption w/ application for Rectification is filed.

Window for implementation: within ten (10) years from the effectivity of the Act (March 29, 2019- March 29, 2029)



Requirements

- Notarized Affidavits of at least two (2) disinterested persons, who reside in the same barangay where the child resides, attesting that the child has been living with the petitioner/s for at least three (3) years prior to the effectivity of the Act;
- Original copy of CDCLAA issued by the DSWD (for non-relative)
- Oldest and recent photographs of the prospective adoptee and the petitioner(s) taken within the last three (3) months prior to the filing of the petition;
- Certificate of Attendance by the Petitioner(s) in Pre- Adoption Fora and Seminar;
- As applicable, Marriage Contract, Decree of Annulment, Declaration of Nullity of Marriage or Decree of Legal Separation;



Requirements

- Latest Physical and Medical Evaluation of the adopter(s);
- Psychological evaluation of the adopter(s) by a duly licensed psychologist (when appropriate)
- Latest NBI / Police Clearance;
- Latest income tax return or any other documents showing financial capability, e.g., Certificate of Employment, Bank Certificate or Statement of Assets and Liabilities; and
- Authenticated copy of the Negative Certification of Birth, to serve as basis in the late registration and issuance of rectified birth record;
- Certified True Copy of the receipts as proof of payment of the socialized fees in SWDO and DSWD Field Office.



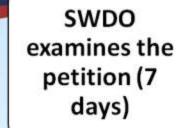
Requirements

- In case one of the adopter(s) is a foreign national married to a Filipino, he or she must submit proof of the following:
- (a) Residence in the Philippines for at least three (3) continuous years prior to the filing of the petition and maintains such residence until the Order of Adoption is issued;
- (b) Certification by his or her diplomatic or consular office or any appropriate government agency that he or she has the legal capacity to adopt in his or her country, and that his or her government allows the adoptee to enter his or her country as his or her adopted son or daughter.



Process Flow (70 days)

Filing in SWDO



SWDO endorses to DSWD Regional Office (3 days) DSWD Director review the petition and prepares recommendation (30 days)

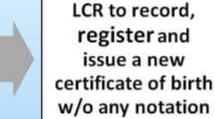
Regional Office to provide copies of the Order to the petitioner, concerned agency (LGU, PSA) and LCR Transmit the
Order of Adoption
to concerned
Regional Office
(immediately)

Secretary issues the Order of Adoption (30 days) DSWD Secretary in Central Office



LCR stamps the simulated birth record "cancelled"; issuance of a RECTIFIED BC





(Endorse the rectified & new birth record to the PSA)



SALIENT FEATURES: IRR OF RA 11222

- Petitioner/s must be living with the child for atleast three (3) years (March 29, 2016 or earlier) and simulated the birth of the child PRIOR to the effectivity of the law (March 28, 2019).
- Foreigners could not avail of the provisions of the law EXCEPT when married to a Filipino and qualified under the law.
- PAPs who are not the parents named in the simulated BC of the child could not file a Petition for Administrative Adoption under the Act.
- CDCLAA is a basic requirement for non-relative child;



SALIENT FEATURES OF THE IRR OF RA 11222

- There is mandatory appearance by the petitioner and the child before the DSWD Regional Director. The purpose is to personally determine the identity of the parties and motivation to adopt before he recommends to the Secretary.
- There is a transitory provision that allows the petitioner to either withdraw the pending case in court and file it with the Department or continue with the judicial proceedings.
- Provision of Pre and Post Adoption Services to the Petitioner, Child and Birthparents, if available
- Conduct of Case Study Report by the DSWD Field Office Social Worker



STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION as of August 2021

- Eight (8) out of eighteen (18) petitions received were granted and issued with Order of Adoption
- Certificate of Finality for the first three (3) cases issued with Order of Adoption are on process
- Continuous information dissemination about the law



"There are times when the adoption process is exhausting and painful and makes you want to scream. But, I am told, so does childbirth."

——SCOTT SIMON

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