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**ADOPTION (INFORMATION AND TRACING) BILL 2021**

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# **Bill**

*entitled*

An Act to provide for improved information and tracing for adopted persons in relation to their adoption, for that purpose to amend the Adoption Act 2010 so as to provide for access by adult adopted persons to the index maintained by an tArd-Chláraitheoir of connections between entries in the Adopted Children Register and the register of births, and to provide for connected matters.

**Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:**

**Amendment of Adoption Act 2010**

1. The Adoption Act 2010 is amended in section 86 (which provides for an index to be maintained of connections between entries in the Adopted Children Register and the register of births) by the substitution of the following for subsection (2):
  - “(2) Notwithstanding section 85 but subject to subsection (3), the index kept under subsection (1) shall not be open to public inspection, and no information from that index shall be given to any person except by order of a court or of the Authority.
  - (3) An tArd-Chláraitheoir shall, on application to him or her in writing by an adopted person who has reached the age of 18 years, and on payment of the prescribed fee, give to the adopted person such information from the index as makes traceable a connection between the entry in the Adopted Children Register relating to the adopted person and the corresponding entry in the register of births.”.

**Short title**

2. This Act may be referred to as the Adoption (Information Tracing) Act 2021.