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South Australia

**Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration (Birth
Certificates) Amendment Bill 2024**

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996*.

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The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration (Birth Certificates) Amendment Act 2024*.

2—Commencement

This Act comes into operation 4 weeks after the day on which it is assented to by, or on behalf of, the Crown.

Part 2—Amendment of *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996*

3—Amendment of section 46—Issue of certificate

- (1) Section 46—after subsection (1c) insert:
 - (1d) If an entry in the Register relating to the birth of a child includes particulars of a person who is described in the Register as a co-parent of the child, the parents of the child may request (in a manner determined by the Registrar) that any birth certificate issued after the commencement of this subsection in relation to the child instead describe the co-parent as—
 - (a) a mother of the child; or
 - (b) a father of the child; or
 - (c) a parent of the child,regardless of whether any other parent of the child is also described as such.
- (2) Section 46(2)(b)—before "the facts" insert:
subject to subsection (3)—

(3) Section 46—after subsection (2) insert:

- (3) Despite subsection (2)(b), a birth certificate that has been issued after the commencement of subsection (1d) and that describes a person as the mother or father of a child is evidence that the person is recorded as a parent of the child in the Register but not that the Register describes the person as the mother or father of the child (as the case may be).

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