## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2011

## SESSION LAW 2011-237 HOUSE BILL 846

AN ACT TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE LAW THAT ALLOWS AN AGENCY ACTING AS A CONFIDENTIAL INTERMEDIARY TO OBTAIN A COPY OF A DEATH CERTIFICATE OF A BIOLOGICAL PARENT OR AN ADULT ADOPTEE TO INCLUDE A LINEAL ASCENDANT OF A BIOLOGICAL PARENT WHEN IT IS DETERMINED THE BIOLOGICAL PARENT, ADULT ADOPTEE, OR THE LINEAL ASCENDANT OF THE BIOLOGICAL PARENT IS DECEASED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

## **SECTION 1.** G.S. 48-9-104(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) If an agency providing confidential intermediary services determines that the person who is the subject of the search is deceased, the agency may obtain a copy of the death certificate pursuant to G.S. 130A-93 and deliver it to the person who requested the services. If the agency further determines that a lineal ascendant of the deceased person who is the subject of the search is deceased, the agency may also obtain a copy of the death certificate of the deceased lineal ascendant and deliver it to the person who requested the services."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.

- s/ Walter H. Dalton President of the Senate
- s/ Thom Tillis Speaker of the House of Representatives
- s/ Beverly E. Perdue Governor

Approved 12:56 p.m. this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2011

