



**THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CLARIFIES PROCEDURES FOR  
RECORDING A NEWBORN'S SURNAME WITH THE REGISTRAR**

The Department of Health of the District of Columbia, recently issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking adopting amendments to section 2800 of Title 29 to clarify procedures for recording a child's name when providing birth information to the Registrar for purposes of generating a birth certificate and registering the birth. The proposed amendments specify limited means that may be used to determine a child's surname.

The notice of proposed rulemaking was published on December 30, 2005 and will become effective in no less than 30 days from that date.

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