

granted by a judicial, administrative, or executive body of a jurisdiction or country other than the United States that is in compliance with the laws of that country.

5-326.

A final decree of adoption granted in another jurisdiction:

- (1) shall be given full faith and credit in this State; and
- (2) has the same legal effect as a final decree of adoption granted in this State.

5-326.1.

A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION GRANTED BY A JUDICIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, OR EXECUTIVE BODY OF A JURISDICTION OR COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES SHALL BE GIVEN FULL RECOGNITION AND EFFECT IN THIS STATE IF:

- (1) THE ADOPTING PARENT IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE; AND
- (2) THE VALIDITY OF THE FOREIGN ADOPTION HAS BEEN VERIFIED BY THE GRANTING OF AN IR-3 VISA FOR THE CHILD BY THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE UNDER THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.

Article - Health - General

4-211.

(i) (1) The Secretary shall, upon request, prepare and register a certificate in this State for a person born in a foreign country who is not a citizen of the United States and who was adopted [through]:

(I) THROUGH a court of competent jurisdiction in this State; OR

(II) 1. UNDER THE LAWS OF A JURISDICTION OR COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES AND HAS BEEN GRANTED AN IR-3 VISA BY THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE UNDER THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT; AND

2. BY AN ADOPTING PARENT WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE.

(2) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE certificate shall be established upon receipt of [a]:

(I) A certificate of adoption from the court decreeing the adoption[, proof];

(II) PROOF of the date and place of the child's birth[,]; and [a]

(III) A request from the court, the adopting parents, or the adopted person if 18 years of age or over that the certificate be prepared.