# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

## LAW No. 3156

**AMENDING ARTICLES 51 AND 55 OF LAW NO. 1266/87 "ON THE CIVIL REGISTRY"**

**THE CONGRESS OF THE PARAGUAYAN NATION ENACTS WITH THE FORCE OF LAW:**

**Article 1.—** Articles 51 and 55 of Law No. 1266/87 "ON THE CIVIL REGISTRY" are hereby amended and shall read as follows:

**"Art. 51.—** Every birth registration must contain, in addition to the information specified in Article 27:

a) the place, hour, day, month, and year of birth;
b) the sex and name of the newborn;
c) the first and last names of the father, the mother, or both, as applicable, identified by their respective identification documents; and,
d) the first name, last name, marital status, nationality, address, and identification document of the witnesses, if applicable."

**"Art. 55.—**A birth shall be substantiated by a certificate from the physician or midwife who attended the delivery, who shall issue the corresponding certificate in accordance with the mechanisms and procedures established by the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare, for the purpose of its submission to the Civil Registry for the registration of the birth.

If the birth occurs without the assistance of medical professionals or midwives, and it is not possible to obtain the corresponding certificate, the birth shall be registered with the Civil Registry by either parent, presenting their respective identification documents, in the presence of two witnesses, who must have witnessed or have knowledge of the event, know the person or persons making the declaration, and comply with the other requirements set forth in Article 38 of this Law. In cases where only one parent is making the declaration, and the birth did not result from a marriage, the newborn shall be registered with the last name of the parent making the declaration, in accordance with the relevant law.

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Persons who testify to the event shall be civilly and criminally liable for any consequences that may arise from false testimony."

**Article 2.—** Forward to the Executive Branch.

The Bill was approved by the Honorable Senate on **the twenty-sixth day of October, two thousand six**, and was enacted by the Honorable Chamber of Deputies on **the twentieth day of December**, **two thousand six**, in accordance with the provisions of Article 207, paragraph 1) of the National Constitution.

**Víctor Alcides Bogado González**
President
Honorable Chamber of Deputies

**Enrique González Quintana**
President
Honorable Senate

**Atilio Penayo Ortega**
Parliamentary Secretary

**Arsenio Ocampos Velázquez**
Parliamentary Secretary

**Asunción,** January **4**, 2007

**Let this be a Law of the Republic; let it be published and entered into the Official Register.**
**The President of the Republic**

**Nicanor Duarte Frutos**

**Carlos Guillermo Arce Obregón**
Acting Minister of Justice and Labor