



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6361

LCO No. 2791

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING BIRTH CERTIFICATES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2003) (a) In the case of a
2 person who is a resident of this state and was born in another state or
3 in a foreign jurisdiction, if such other state or foreign jurisdiction
4 requires a court decree in order to amend a birth certificate to reflect a
5 change in gender, the probate courts in this state shall have jurisdiction
6 to issue such a decree. When a person has completed treatment for the
7 purpose of altering his or her sexual characteristics to those of the
8 opposite sex, such person may apply to the probate court for the
9 district in which such person resides for a decree that such person's
10 birth certificate be amended to reflect the change in gender. The
11 application to the probate court shall be accompanied by an affidavit
12 from a physician attesting that the applicant has physically changed
13 gender and an affidavit from a psychologist, psychiatrist or a licensed
14 clinical social worker attesting that the applicant has socially and
15 psychologically changed gender. Any decree shall be conclusive and
16 shall be entitled to full faith, credit and validity, and shall not be
17 subject to collateral attack, except for fraud. Upon issuance, such

18 probate court decree shall be transmitted to the registration authority
19 of such person's place of birth.

20 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority
21 of the Commissioner of Public Health to amend birth certificates in
22 accordance with section 19a-42 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To provide a process that will allow a person now living in Connecticut, but born in another state, to have an amendment reflecting a change in gender made to their original birth certificate.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]