
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6549

AN ACT CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES.

SUMMARY

This bill allows people who have undergone surgical, hormonal, or other clinically appropriate treatment for gender transition to change the gender designation and name on their marriage certificate.

Specifically, the bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner to issue a new marriage certificate to a person who:

1. requests in writing, signed under penalty of law, a replacement marriage certificate that reflects a gender different from the sex designated on their original certificate, along with an affirmation that the couple is still married;
2. provides a notarized statement from the person's spouse, consenting to the amendment;
3. provides a notarized affidavit from a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or psychologist (whether licensed in Connecticut or another state) stating that the applicant has undergone surgical, hormonal, or other clinically appropriate treatment for gender transition; and
4. provides, if applicable, proof of a legal name change.

The bill generally extends to these amended marriage certificates existing procedures for amended birth certificates reflecting gender change (e.g., allowing only the DPH commissioner, and not local registrars, to amend the certificate, and providing that the replacement certificate is not marked "amended").

The bill also makes conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 33 Nay 0 (03/26/2021)