



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill: HB 361 - Certificates of Birth - Issuance of New Certificates - Sex Designation (Birth Certificate Modernization Act)

Hearing Date: February 21, 2023

Position: Support

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *House Bill 361 - Certificates of Birth - Issuance of New Certificates - Sex Designation (Birth Certificate Modernization Act)*. This bill provides for a standard procedure for transgender individuals wanting to update their gender designations on their birth certificates without requiring the authorization of a health care practitioner. The bill also authorizes the use of a third gender marker (“X”) to designate the gender of nonbinary Marylanders.

The bill is important because it recognizes that gender identity is the decision of the individual rather than the health care community. It also importantly recognizes that not all Marylanders identify as male or female.

We ask for a favorable report on this legislation. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.