



HB 370 - Birth Certificates - Issuance of New Certificates - Sex Designation

Position: Support

We, the board of directors of Annapolis Pride, support HB 370. This bill would eliminate the requirement for transgender Marylanders to have a form filled out by a medical provider in order to change their gender on their Maryland birth certificate. This will significantly reduce the cost on trans individuals and bring birth certificate policy in line with the policy implemented by the Maryland Assembly in 2019 for driver's licenses.

The bill will also make it easier for trans parents to update the birth certificates of their children to reflect their own identity, as well as clarify that the Department of Health may and is required to issue birth certificates with a third gender marker for nonbinary, intersex, or other individuals, at their request.

For the LGBTQ community, these are critically important updates to Maryland's birth certificate laws that will bring much needed peace of mind.

We urge a favorable report.