

Senate Bill 626 - Health Committee – Favorable with Amendments

Members of the Health Committee;

Please give Senate Bill 626 a favorable report with amendments. Senate Bill 626 is necessary so that accurate information can be on birth certificates. The Trump administration and many states have been making it very difficult to be safe as a transgender person. It is imperative that transgender people have documents that will identify them correctly. It is also extremely important that there not be a paper trail of changes to the birth certificates. We have already seen Kansas invalidate the birth certificates (of those born in Kansas,) state IDs, and driver's licenses of transgender people, preventing them from driving OR voting (ID is required at the polls.) A bill to make a public list of transgender people is expected to pass in Tennessee. These are IN ADDITION TO the lists that the federal government is attempting to compile based on medical records. As such, please amend Senate Bill 626 to remove the part from Sen. McKay that would require a documented history of birth certificate changes. Let's make Maryland as safe as is possible for transgender people.

Sincerely,
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