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H.B. No. 2301

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a change of name and vital statistics information.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 45, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 45.107 to read as follows:

Sec. 45.107. CHANGE OF NAME AND VITAL STATISTICS INFORMATION. (a) A court shall order a change of name for a petitioner under this subchapter if the petition is accompanied by a sworn affidavit of a licensed physician that the petitioner identifies as a gender other than the gender indicated on the petitioner's driver's license, birth certificate, or other official document.

(b) A court that orders a change of name for a petitioner under this section shall simultaneously order:

(1) that the Department of Public Safety, as soon as practicable, change the petitioner's gender on the petitioner's driver's license and other identification documents under the department's control; and

(2) that the Department of State Health Services, on receipt of a physician's sworn affidavit that the petitioner identifies as a gender other than the gender indicated on the petitioner's birth certificate, amend the petitioner's birth certificate as provided by Section 192.011, Health and Safety Code, to reflect the petitioner's true gender.

1 (c) This section may not be construed to require surgical
2 intervention as a prerequisite for a court order under Subsection
3 (a) or (b).

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.