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H.B. No. 2860

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a change of name and vital statistics information for an adult.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 45, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 45.108 to read as follows:

Sec. 45.108. CHANGE OF NAME AND VITAL STATISTICS INFORMATION. (a) Subject to the eligibility requirements for a name change under Section 45.103, a court shall order a change of name under this subchapter for a petitioner whose petition is accompanied by a sworn affidavit of a licensed physician stating 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) the Department of Public Safety, as soon as practicable, to change the petitioner's name and gender on the petitioner's driver's license and other identification documents under the department's control; and

(2) the vital statistics unit of the Department of State Health Services, on receipt of a licensed physician's sworn affidavit that the petitioner identifies as a gender other than the gender indicated on the petitioner's birth certificate, to amend

1 the petitioner's birth certificate in the manner provided by
2 Section 192.011, Health and Safety Code, to reflect the
3 petitioner's true gender.

4 (c) This section may not be construed to require a surgical
5 procedure as a prerequisite for a court order under Subsection (a)
6 or (b).

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.