

Subject Change of sex on original birth certificate

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Overview

This bill establishes a process in the Vital Records Act for a person, or the person's parent or legal guardian if the person is a minor, to have the sex assigned to the person on the person's original birth certificate changed or removed.

Summary

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1	Change of sex.
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Adds § 144.2182. Establishes a process in the Vital Records Act to have the sex assigned to a person on the person's original birth certificate changed or removed, and prohibits disclosure of the original birth certificate except according to court order or other law.

Subd. 1. Request to make change. Allows a person whose birth is registered in Minnesota, or that person's parent or guardian if the person is a minor, to request that the commissioner of health change or remove the sex assigned to that person on the person's original birth certificate.

Subd. 2. Documentation required. Requires a person making a request under this section to submit required forms and fees to the commissioner and provide acceptable documentation that granting the request will not harm the integrity and accuracy of vital records. Specifies what acceptable documentation may include.

Subd. 3. Court orders. Allows a person, or a person's parent or guardian if the person is a minor, to file a petition in district court to change or remove the sex assigned to that person on the person's original birth certificate. Requires the court to issue an order if the court finds the request is not based on an intent to defraud or mislead, is made in good faith, and is in the minor's best interest if the birth certificate subject is a minor.

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Subd. 4. Records sealed. When the commissioner makes a requested change to a birth certificate under this section, requires the commissioner to provide a certified copy of the corrected birth certificate to the requester and to classify the original birth certificate as confidential data that cannot be disclosed except according to court order or other law governing access to original birth records after adoption.



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