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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS

Introduced By: Senator Robert Britto

Date Introduced: May 02, 2025

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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- SECTION 1. Chapter 23-3 of the General Laws entitled "Vital Records" is hereby amended
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- by adding thereto the following section:
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- 23-3-10.3. Certificate of birth -- Modification.**
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- A person eighteen (18) years of age or older may request that the description of the person's
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- race be modified or amended on their birth certificate in a manner that utilizes culturally sensitive
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- language and terminology. Such a request shall be made through the state office of vital records.
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- The department of health may promulgate rules and regulations and/or develop a process to
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- accommodate all reasonable requests in a manner which uses culturally sensitive language and
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- terminology to identify, modify and/or amend descriptions of race.
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- SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide that a person eighteen (18) years or older could request that the  
2   description of the person's race be modified or amended on their birth certificate in a manner that  
3   utilizes culturally sensitive language and terminology. The department of health could promulgate  
4   rules and regulations and/or develop a process to accommodate all reasonable requests in a manner  
5   which uses culturally sensitive language and terminology.

6           This act would take effect upon passage.

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