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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:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-3 of the General Laws entitled "Vital Records" is hereby amended
2 by adding thereto the following section:
3 **23-3-10.3. Certificate of birth -- Modification.**
4 The race of a person appearing on a certificate of birth may be modified by the state
5 registrar of vital records if it is determined by the director that a modification is justified.
6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would allow the director of the department of health to authorize the state registrar
- 2 of vital records to change a person's race designation on their birth certificate, if justified.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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