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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: Representatives Kazarian, Dawson, Voas, Alzate, Stewart, Furtado,
Giraldo, Cruz, Boylan, and Felix

Date Introduced: February 26, 2025

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

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 A person eighteen (18) years of age or older may request that the description of the person's
5 race be modified or amended on their birth certificate in a manner that utilizes culturally sensitive
6 language and terminology. Such a request shall be made through the state office of vital records.
7 The department of health may promulgate rules and regulations and/or develop a process to
8 accommodate all reasonable requests in a manner which uses culturally sensitive language and
9 terminology to identify, modify and/or amend descriptions of race.

10 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.

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