

H3126, AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A GENDER NEUTRAL DESIGNATION ON STATE DOCUMENTS AND IDENTIFICATIONS

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H3126 allows all Massachusetts residents who do not identify as male or female to correctly identify themselves on official state documents, including a process to correct one's gender on any form or ID.

H3126 ACHIEVES THIS BY:

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Requiring the Attorney General to prepare a report that lists all forms and other documents of the Commonwealth that require individuals to indicate their gender.

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Requiring all state issued forms, documents, identification cards and licenses that provide for a gender designation include a gender neutral identification marker shown as an "X"

This bill takes the necessary steps toward ensuring accuracy, consistency, visibility, and safety for transgender AND nonbinary residents of MA.

- In 2019 the MA RMV began providing an 'X' gender marker on a driver's license or state ID card. This has worked well but was administrative change rather than a change in the law.
- Currently, a person in MA who is neither male nor female is forced to provide inaccurate documentation and information when completing a form that doesn't have a gender identification box for them.
- As of 2020, 10 other states provide for 'X' markers on both driver's licenses and birth certificates.
- Under the REAL ID Act, Homeland Security accepts the gender designations assigned by each state, not limited to Male (M) or Female (F). As of October 2021, US passports include an 'X' gender marker option.

This bill is supported by the following organizations:

Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition (MTPC) • Massachusetts GLBTQ Political Caucus

GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) • ACLU Massachusetts (ACLUM)

Mass Equality • Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth

Greater Boston PFLAG • OUT MetroWest

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Contact Your State Representative.

The most pressing objective is to get the bill passed in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

You can ask your state representative to support passage of the bill - H3126. You can find your representative with your home address:

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