## Gender Recognition Act



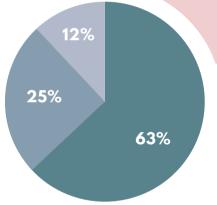


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#### What is it?

The **Gender Recognition Act (GRA) A.5465/S.4402** is a comprehensive bill that will create streamlined and privacy-protective processes for transgender and nonbinary New Yorkers to **update and obtain accurate identification documents**.

# Why do transgender & nonbinary New Yorkers need the GRA?



For transgender and nonbinary New Yorkers there are a multitude of legal, financial, and logistical barriers to updating documents with the correct name and gender.

Whether you're trying to get a job, enroll your children in school, rent an apartment, or see the doctor, access to accurate identity documents can be key!

The New York State Results of the National Transgender Survey found that among transgender New Yorkers:

- 12% have been able to update all IDs
- 25% have been able to update some IDs
- 63% have not been able to update any IDs



**Health Care** 



Work



**Travel** 



Housing



**Education** 



Safety

# What does the GRA do?





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### **Birth Certificates**

- Allows parents to update their own name on their child's birth certificate and choose the title of "father," "mother," or "parent" on an original or amended birth certificate for their child.
- Allows parents to update the gender designation on the birth certificate of their minor child.
- Permits the Department of Health to issue gender-neutral "X" designations on birth certificates.
- Establishes a streamlined self-attestation standard for gender designation changes on state-issued birth certificates.

## Name Changes

- Removes the publication requirement for name changes.
- Facilitates sealing of name change records for transgender petitioners when requested.
- Establishes explicit jurisdiction for courts to issue orders recognizing an individual's gender identity, as New Yorkers born out of state may need such orders to update identity documents in their state of birth.



### **DMV-Issued IDs**



- Adds the gender-neutral option, "X", as an option for DMV-issued IDs like driver's licenses.
- Establishes a streamlined self-attestation standard for gender designation changes on DMV-issued documents.