

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 609 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY SANCHEZ, WEBSTER, MADDEN, GUENST, HILL-EVANS,
OTTEN AND KHAN, MARCH 21, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MARCH 21, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), entitled "An
2 act providing for the administration of a statewide system of
3 vital statistics; prescribing the functions of the State
4 Department of Health, the State Advisory Health Board and
5 local registrars; imposing duties upon coroners,
6 prothonotaries, clerks of orphans' court, physicians,
7 midwives and other persons; requiring reports and
8 certificates for the registration of vital statistics;
9 regulating the disposition of dead bodies; limiting the
10 disclosure of records; prescribing the sufficiency of vital
11 statistics records as evidence; prescribing fees and
12 penalties; and revising and consolidating the laws relating
13 thereto," in birth registration, providing for certain
14 information prohibited related to birth registration.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. The act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), known
18 as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, is amended by adding a
19 section to read:

20 Section 404. Birth Registration: Certain Information
21 Prohibited.--(a) No certificate or registration of birth filed
22 under this act after the effective date of this section may
23 identify the child's sex.

24 (b) The prohibition under subsection (a) may not apply to

1 any form or data related to a child's birth that is submitted or
2 compiled pursuant to Federal law or regulation.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.