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VITAL STATISTICS AMENDMENT ACT, 2023

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Explanatory Notes

CLAUSE 1: *[Vital Statistics Act, section 27]*

- narrows the requirement for a physician or psychologist to confirm that the sex designation of a person applying for a birth registration amendment does not correspond with the person's gender identity;
- is consequential to the amendment by this Bill to section 36 of the Act.

CLAUSE 2: *[Vital Statistics Act, section 36]* provides that a person's birth certificate is not required to include the person's sex if the applicant for the certificate requests this.

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HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

- 1** *Section 27 of the Vital Statistics Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 479, is amended*
 - (a) in subsection (2) (c) by adding “in the case of a minor who is less than 12 years of age,” before “a statement from one of the following persons”, and*
 - (b) in subsection (5) by striking out “A birth certificate” and substituting “Except as provided under section 36 (2) (d), a birth certificate”.*
- 2** *Section 36 (2) (d) is repealed and the following substituted:*
 - (d) the sex of the person, unless the applicant for the certificate requests, as part of the application under subsection (1), that the person’s sex not be included; .

Commencement

- 3** This Act comes into force by regulation of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.