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I am writing to inform you of changes to requirements to change sex designation on an Ontario birth registration.

The Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario ordered the Government to cease requiring transgendered persons to have "transsexual surgery" in order to obtain a change in sex designation on their registration of birth. In accordance with the Tribunal's order, the criteria for changing sex designation on a birth registration have been revised and there is no longer a requirement for "transsexual surgery".

The new criteria requires that a person wishing to change their sex designation on their Ontario birth registration complete a statutory declaration that they have assumed (or have always had) the gender identity that accords with the change in sex designation, they are living full-time in that gender identity and they intend to maintain that gender identity. The person must also provide a letter from a practising physician or psychologist (including a psychological associate) authorized to practise in Canada who can support the requested change. Alternative evidence to this letter in certain circumstances may be acceptable and is detailed on the application form.

At this time, an applicant for a change in sex designation on a birth registration must be at least 18 years of age.

The revised criteria and forms are posted on the Ministry's website at www.ServiceOntario.ca. We would appreciate if you would make this information available to members of your organization and any clients who may be impacted by the revised criteria.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Leonetti".

Sandra Leonetti
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