

RELEASE: House Passes Pivotal Legislation for Transgender and Gender Variant Community

Daniel Mason <daniel.mason@leg.state.nh.us>

Thu 3/12/2020 8:09 PM

To: Daniel Mason <daniel.mason@leg.state.nh.us>



New Hampshire House of Representatives Concord, New Hampshire House Majority Office

PRESS RELEASE

March 12, 2020

CONTACT: Rep. Gerri Cannon
(603) 271-2136

HOUSE PASSES PIVOTAL LEGISLATION FOR TRANSGENDER AND GENDER VARIANT COMMUNITY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Today, the House passed [HB 1577](#) initiating amendments and corrections to birth records. **Representative Gerri Cannon (D- Somersworth)**, prime sponsor of the legislation, released the following statement:

“Updating one’s birth certificate information is extremely important for transgender and gender variant people so that they can legally identify themselves for Real IDs, passports and for other security purposes.”

“For many years NH has had a statute on the books (Section 5-C:87 V) that allows transgender people to submit a Court Ordered Gender Change to Town or City Clerks to have their birth records updated to reflect the gender they identify as. However, a process to implement these requests was never put in place and as a result, very few people have been able to get their gender information updated. This bill is pivotal for the transgender and gender variant community and will help make New Hampshire a welcoming state for all people.”

###

Dan Mason
House of Representatives
House Majority Office
State House Room 313
603-271-2136