

CHAPTER 160

An Act to Amend the Vital Statistics Act

[Assented to 7th November, 1973.]

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

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| Amends long title. | 1. The long title of the <i>Vital Statistics Act</i> , being chapter 66 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1962, is repealed, and the following is substituted: " Vital Statistics Act". |
| Repeals s. 1. | 2. Section 1 is repealed. |
| Enacts s. 21A. | 3. The Act is further amended by adding, after section 21, the following as section 21A: |

Changes Resulting from Transsexual Surgery

Change of
sex
designation.

21A. (1) Where a person in respect of whom transsexual surgery has been performed is unmarried on the date he applies under this section, the Director shall, upon application made to him in accordance with subsection (2), change the sex designation on the registration of birth of such person in such a manner that the sex designation is consistent with the intended results of the transsexual surgery.

(2) An application under subsection (1) shall be made in the prescribed form by the person in respect of whom the transsexual surgery was performed, and shall be accompanied by

- (a) where the transsexual surgery was performed in a Province of Canada, the certificate of a medical practitioner, qualified and licensed to practice medicine in that Province, explaining the surgical procedures carried out and certifying that he performed the transsexual surgery on the applicant; or
- (b) where the transsexual surgery was performed in a jurisdiction outside Canada
 - (i) evidence satisfactory to the Director that the person who performed the surgery was, at the time of the surgery, qualified and licensed to practice medicine in that jurisdiction; and
 - (ii) the certificate referred to in clause (a) certified by the person who performed the surgery; and
- (c) the certificate of a medical practitioner who did not perform the transsexual surgery, but who is qualified and licensed to practice

medicine in the Province, and who is approved by the Deputy Minister of Health for the purposes of such certification, certifying that

- (i) he examined the applicant;
- (ii) the results of his examination substantiate the certificate of the practitioner who performed the transsexual surgery; and
- (iii) the results of the transsexual surgery are in accordance with the requirements of the regulations.

(3) Every birth certificate issued after the registration of birth is changed under this section, shall be issued as if the original registration had been made showing the sex designation as changed under this section.

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