



**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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Re: Amending Gender Designation on Licenses and ID Cards

Dear Mr. Solomon:

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles has amended its policy to enable transgendered individuals to more easily change the gender designation on their licenses and identity cards.

Under this new policy, it is no longer necessary to submit medical proof of sex reassignment surgery. The agency understands that this requirement is often very difficult, if not impossible, for many individuals to satisfy. Under the new policy, an individual who wishes to change the gender marker will submit an updated application together with a Gender Designation Change Form, signed by him or her and a medical provider attesting to the gender that the individual considers himself or herself to be.

In addition, the Registry of Motor Vehicles will no longer require an individual to provide an amended birth certificate in support of the new gender designation marker.

I believe these changes are fair, reasonable and sensible. The next edition of the Registry of Motor Vehicles Driver's Manual will reflect the agency's policy amendments. If you have any questions about these changes, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rachel Kaprielian".

Rachel Kaprielian
Registrar of Motor Vehicles