

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

January 28, 2021

Introduced by M. of A. LAVINE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to allowing certificates of marriage from foreign governments and religious institutions as acceptable documentation to change a name on the driver's license or non-driver identification card

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by  
2 adding a new subdivision 1-a to read as follows:

3 1-a. In addition to any other documentation acceptable to the commis-  
4 sioner for the purposes of changing a person's name on a driver's  
5 license pursuant to subdivision one of this section, the commissioner  
6 shall accept a certificate of marriage from the government of a foreign  
7 country or from a bona fide religious institution that issues certif-  
8 icates of marriage in a foreign country.

9 § 2. Section 502 vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new  
10 subdivision 3-a to read as follows:

11 3-a. In addition to any other documentation acceptable to the commis-  
12 sioner for the purposes of changing a person's name on a non-driver  
13 identification card pursuant to subdivisions two and three of this  
14 section, the commissioner shall accept a certificate of marriage from  
15 the government of a foreign country or from a bona fide religious insti-  
16 tution that issues certificates of marriage in a foreign country.

17 § 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
18 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or  
19 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of  
20 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed  
21 on or before such date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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