

1 Dated at....., N. Y.
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3 No other facts contained in the affidavits, statements, consents or
4 licenses shall be certified by such town and city clerks, unless
5 expressly requested in writing by the man or woman named in such affida-
6 vit, license, statement or record.

7 S 4. Section 65 of the civil rights law, as added by chapter 583 of
8 the laws of 1985 and subdivision 5 as added by chapter 417 of the laws
9 of 1999, is amended to read as follows:

10 S 65. Optional change of name upon marriage, divorce or annulment. 1.
11 Any person may, upon marriage, elect to assume a new name according to
12 the provisions of paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section fifteen of
13 the domestic relations law.

14 2. Any person may, upon divorce or annulment, elect to resume the use
15 of a former surname OR MIDDLE NAME according to the provisions of
16 section two hundred forty-a of the domestic relations law.

17 3. The effect of the name changes accomplished in the manner
18 prescribed in subdivisions one and two of this section shall be as set
19 forth in section sixty-four of this chapter.

20 4. Nothing in this article shall be construed to abrogate or alter the
21 common law right of every person, whether married or single, to retain
22 his or her name or to assume a new one so long as the new name is used
23 consistently and without intent to defraud.

24 5. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, the state shall
25 not impose any fee, charge, surcharge or assessment solely to change the
26 surname OR MIDDLE NAME contained on a license, permit, registration or
27 other identifying document for a person who, because of a change in
28 marital status, has assumed a new name or reassumes use of a former
29 surname as provided for in this section.

30 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.