

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

April 21, 2026

Introduced by Sen. BOTTCHEER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the civil rights law, in relation to requiring all municipalities to update all applicable forms and data systems to include a gender "x" option

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

- 1 Section 1. The civil rights law is amended by adding a new section  
2 79-r to read as follows:  
3 § 79-r. Collection of gender or sex designation information by municipi-  
4 palities. 1. All New York state municipalities that collect demographic  
5 information about a person's gender or sex shall make available to the  
6 person at the point of data collection an option to mark their gender or  
7 sex as "x".  
8 2. All municipalities shall update any applicable physical and online  
9 forms or data systems in the regular course of business including, but  
10 not limited to:  
11 (a) updating printed forms to include the gender "x" option when such  
12 forms are being reordered;  
13 (b) updating websites, webpages, public facing online internet  
14 services to include the gender "x" option when such websites, webpages  
15 and public facing online internet services are being updated; and  
16 (c) updating any links or other forms of sharing when websites,  
17 webpages or other public facing online internet services are being  
18 updated to reflect forms that have the gender "x" option.  
19 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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