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ACTS REFERRED TO

Civil Registration Act 2004 (No. 3)

Employment Equality Act 1998 (No. 21)

Equal Status Act 2000 (No. 8)

Gender Recognition Act 2015 (No. 25)

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An Act to provide for the recognition of a non-binary gender and for those born intersex; to amend the Gender Recognition Act 2015 to recognise a non-binary gender; to amend the Interpretation Act 2005 to include a non-binary gender; to amend the Civil Registration Act 2004 to allow qualified informants to record an X on Registers for Births, Stillbirths, Adoptions, and Death; to amend the Equal Status Act 2000 and the Employment Equality Act 1998 to outlaw discrimination based on sexual characteristics.

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Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

Interpretation

1. In this Act—

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“intersex” means a person who has innate variations of sex characteristic(s), including chromosomal, gonadal, anatomical or hormonal, that vary from the societal and/or medical understanding of typical female and male bodies;

“non-binary” refers to all gender identities other than male or female.

Amendment of Gender Recognition Act 2015 – recognition of a non-binary gender

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2. The Gender Recognition Act 2015 is amended by the insertion of the following section after section 8:

Right to change ones recorded gender

“8A. It shall be the right of every person resident in the State to change their recorded gender to the female gender, to the male gender, or to a non-binary gender.”.

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Amendment of section 13 of Gender Recognition Act 2015 – recognition of a non-binary gender

3. Section 13 of the Gender Recognition Act 2015 is amended in subsection (1) by the substitution of the following for paragraph (c):

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“(c) an indication of the person’s gender which may include the abbreviations M (male), F (female) or X (non-binary).”.

Amendment of section 18 of Gender Recognition Act 2015 – effect of a gender recognition certificate

4. The Gender Recognition Act 2015 is amended in section 18 by the substitution of the following for subsection (1): 5

“(1) Where a gender recognition certificate is issued to a person the person’s gender shall from the date of that issue become for all purposes the preferred gender so that if the preferred gender is the male gender the person’s gender becomes that of a man, if it is the female gender the person’s gender becomes that of a woman and if the preferred gender is the non-binary gender the person’s gender becomes that of a non-binary person.”. 10

Amendment of section 18 of Interpretation Act 2005 – recognition of non-binary genders in enactment of law

5. The Interpretation Act 2005 is amended in section 18 by the substitution of the following for paragraph (b): 15

- “(b) (i) A word importing the masculine gender shall be read as also importing the feminine gender and a non-binary gender;
- (ii) In an Act passed on or after 22 December 1993, and in a statutory instrument made after that date, a word importing the feminine gender shall be read as also importing the masculine gender and a non-binary gender; 20
- (iii) In an Act passed on or after the date for the enactment of the *Non-Binary and Intersex Recognition Act 2026*, and in a statutory instrument made after that date, a word importing a non-binary gender shall be read as also importing the masculine and feminine gender.”. 25

Amendment of Schedule 1 to Civil Registration Act 2004 – ability of qualified informants to enter X in Registers

6. The Civil Registration Act 2004 is amended— 30

- (a) in Schedule 1, Part 1, by the substitution of “Sex of child” for “Sex of child, which may include: M (male), F (female) or X (unspecified/intersex)”,
- (b) in Schedule 1, Part 2, by the substitution of “Sex of child” for “Sex of child, which may include: M (male), F (female) or X (unspecified/intersex)”, 35
- (c) in Schedule 1, Part 3, by the substitution of “Sex of child” for “Sex of child, which may include: M (male), F (female) or X (unspecified/intersex)”,
- (d) in Schedule 1, Part 4, by the substitution of “Sex of child” for “Sex of child, which may include: M (male), F (female) or X (unspecified/intersex)”, and

- (e) in Schedule 1, Part 5, by the substitution of “Sex of the deceased” for “Sex of the deceased, which may include: M (male), F (female) or X (unspecified/intersex/non-binary)”.

Amendment of section 6 of Employment Equality Act 1998 – prevention of discrimination on grounds of sexual characteristics

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7. The Employment Equality Act 1998 is amended—

- (a) in section 6(2) by the insertion of the following after paragraph (i):

“(j) that one person is intersex (as defined in the *Non-Binary and Intersex Recognition Act 2026*) and the other person not (in this Act referred to as the ‘sexual characteristics ground’).”,

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and

- (b) in section 6(2) by the insertion of the following after paragraph (h):

“(i) in relation to the sexual characteristics ground that C is intersex (as defined in the *Non-Binary and Intersex Recognition Act 2026*) and D is not, or *vice versa*.”.

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Amendment of section 3 of Equal Status Act 2000 – prevention of discrimination on grounds of sexual characteristics

8. The Equal Status Act 2000 is amended—

- (a) in section 3(2) by the insertion of the following after paragraph (i):

“(j) that one person is intersex (as defined in the *Non-Binary and Intersex Recognition Act 2026*) and the other person not (in this Act referred to as the ‘sexual characteristics ground’).”,

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and

- (b) in section 3(2) by the renaming of paragraph (j) as paragraph (k).

Short title and commencement

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9. (1) This Act may be cited as the Non-Binary and Intersex Recognition Act 2026.

(2) This Act shall come into operation 6 months after the date of its passing or on such an earlier date as the Minister for Social Protection may appoint by order.

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BILLE

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dá ngairtear

Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le haitheantas a thabhairt d'inscne neamhdhénártha agus do dhaoine a rugadh idirghnéasach; do leasú an Achta um Inscne a Aithint, 2015 chun aitheantas a thabhairt d'inscne neamhdhénártha; do leasú an Achta Léiriúcháin, 2005 chun inscne neamhdhénártha a áireamh; do leasú an Achta um Chlárú Sibhialta, 2004 chun a cheadú d'fhaisnéisithe cáilithe X a thaifeadadh ar Chlár na mBreitheanna, ar Chlár na Marbh-Bhreitheanna, ar Chlár na nUchtálacha, agus ar Chlár na mBásanna; do leasú an Achta um Stádas Comhionann, 2000 agus an Achta um Chomhionannas Fostaíochta, 1998 chun idirdhealú ar bhonn sainghnéithe gnéis a eisreachtú.

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