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Gender Identity Bill approved unanimously

The Gender Identity Bill was unanimously adopted by the House of Representatives this evening.

Both government and opposition voted for the bill when it was moved for third reading by Equal Opportunities Minister Helena Dalli.

When she introduced the bill early in February, Ms Dalli explained how one would henceforth not require a medical intervention to be recognised in the gender with which one identified. It shall be everyone's right to request the Director of the Public Registry to change the recorded gender and, or, first name, to reflect that person's self-determined gender identity.

The director will not require evidence other than a notarial deed including a clear and unequivocal declaration by the applicant that one's gender identity does not correspond to the assigned sex in the act of birth.

The law will also provide parents with the possibility to postpone the entry of a gender marker on their children's birth certificate until the child is 14 years old.

Although the third reading of a bill is usually routine, all government MPs were present for the vote except ministers Anton Refalo (sick) and Evarist Bartolo who is abroad. Many opposition MPs were absent including Opposition leader Simon Busuttil, who had however earlier tweeted that the Opposition was backing the Bill.

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Paul Biggles Attard · 18 days ago

Excellent!

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Paul Abela · 18 days ago

Unbelievable. Keeping away from the House for the vote although Simon did tweet (for consolation). Yes he IS making the difference.

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Michel Bencini · 18 days ago

Humanity is too obsessed with sexual appendages.

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Martin Saliba · 18 days ago

Something wrong here . Wasnt it simon who thought of it and the pl introduced it ?

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Carl Borg → Martin Saliba · 17 days ago

Nope...SB has no opinion...he preferred to abstain by not attending. IF it was him who thought of it, why not attending for this vote?

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m.buhagiar · 18 days ago

Simon Busuttil assenti mill-vot dwar l-identità tal-generu

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m.buhagiar · 18 days ago

Bin-naħa tal-Gvern preżenti fil-vot dwar l-abbozz ta' liġi dwar l-identità tal-generu, spikka l-fatt li l-Kap tal-Oppożizzjoni, Simon Busuttil

u gnaqq ta' deputati nazzjonalisti ma kinux prezenti. Dan rakkar tlii-pozizzjoni li kien na l-istess kap tal-Oppozizzjoni meta astjerna tlii-vot Parlamentari dwar l-unjoni civili għal persuni tal-istess sess.

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Gerry Cowie · 18 days ago

Not having read up on this bill, in what circumstances would parents wish to hold back a decision on the gender of their child until 14? I am sure there must be a valid reason for this. Is it due to possible physical signs of the opposite sex being present at birth?

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Ramon Casha · 18 days ago

Great news. In civil rights at least we're making great strides

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Victor Vella → Ramon Casha · 17 days ago

yes backwards

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Ramon Casha → Victor Vella · 16 days ago

It only seems that way because you're looking towards the past.

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robert morrison · 18 days ago

Self sexing. Pandering nonsense. A peculiar self indulgence by the liberal glitterati ruling elite. Has not any medical or restorative qualities. Malta is going to get nowhere if it cant grow up. Such destruction of perceived wisdom and the status quo is extremely careless and another EU directive. By creating this avenue its been shown it will create more misery to already troubled souls , especially marginal cases. If a doctor cannot determine sex at birth I give up. I suppose the bill will be used by shengenites who will revel in their rights.

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John L Galea → robert morrison · 17 days ago

And your point is?

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Saviour Cassar · 18 days ago

Rega harab u minflok astjerna kien assenti llum? Mhux ta b xejn qed jahrab mill gurnalisti

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Carl Borg → Saviour Cassar · 17 days ago

U jridna nafdawh 3 snin ohra. u prefer jmur ghawdex milli jmur ghal vot.

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George Camilleri · 18 days ago

Does this act prescribe any limit on the number of times an individual can change his gender?

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jon lukas woodenman · 18 days ago

wow ... yesss Malta !! feels like little rock is really ROOOOCKIN'

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Karl Falzon · 17 days ago

u il-pn kien hemm disa biss il-birah.. kif tista tiehdu bis-serjeta lil dan ir-ragel u dan il-partit

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john muscat · 17 days ago

So we have a tweeter as an opposition leader, ho ho ho.

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Carl Borg · 17 days ago

Last paragraph says it all....2/3 of PN members abstained again but not attending to the vote.

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**John L. Galea** · 17 days ago

Simon and his cronies should hide away in shame forever!!! Unbelievable!!! What a joke of a politician. I would be ashamed to be his supporter.

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**Josef Chetcuti Mandela** · 17 days ago

U hawn min irid 2 siggijiet ohra fil parlament, ghalfejn biex immorru kemmuna ?

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**Mr C. Galea** · 17 days ago

Makes one proud to be Maltese. Great stuff, thank you to the Equal Opportunities Minister Helena Dalli for introducing this bill and all of those that worked along to get this bill this far and to each and every member of parliament that voted for it. Great stuff for the future of humanity in Malta.

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