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It is hereby notified that the State President has assented to the following Act which is hereby published for general information:—

Hierby word bekend gemaak dat die Staatspresident sy goedkeuring geheg het aan die onderstaande Wet wat hierby ter algemene inligting gepubliseer word:—

No. 51 of 1974: Births, Marriages and Deaths Registration Amendment Act, 1974.

No. 51 van 1974: Wysigingswet op die Registrasie van Geboortes, Huwelike en Sterfgevälle, 1974.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS REGISTRATION  
AMENDMENT ACT, 1974.

Act No. 51, 1974

**ACT**

To amend the Births, Marriages and Deaths Registration Act, 1963, in order to provide that the sex description of a person who has undergone a change of sex may be altered in his birth register; and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

*(English text signed by the State President.)*  
*(Assented to 9 October 1974.)*

**BE IT ENACTED** by the State President, the Senate and the House of Assembly of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

1. (1) The following section is hereby inserted in the Births, Marriages and Deaths Registration Act, 1963, after section 7A: Insertion of section 7B in Act 81 of 1963.  
“Alteration of sex description of person in his birth register. **7B.** The Secretary may on the recommendation of the Secretary for Health alter, in the birth register of any person who has undergone a change of sex, the description of the sex of such person and may for this purpose call for such medical reports and institute such investigations as he may deem necessary.”.

(2) Any alteration of the sex description of a person who has undergone a change of sex, which has been effected in the birth register of such person before the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to have been effected in terms of section 7B of the Births, Marriages and Deaths Registration Act, 1963.

2. This Act shall be called the Births, Marriages and Deaths Registration Amendment Act, 1974. Short title.