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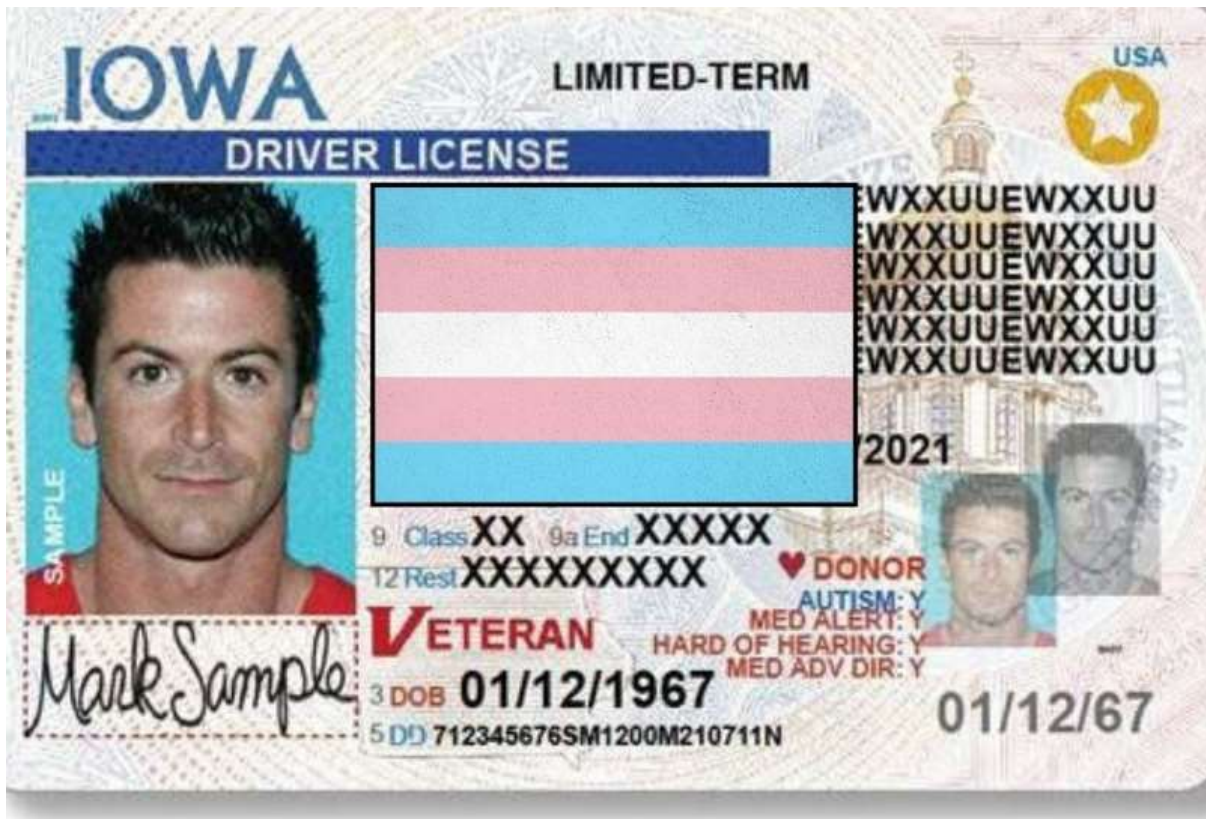
THIS WEEK IN COMMENTARY

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TOP COMMENTARY OF THE WEEK

Governor's bill draft would put sex changes on Iowa driver's licenses, birth certificates

Kathie Obradovich | *Iowa Capital Dispatch*



A bill drafted by Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds' office would include information about sex changes on Iowa driver's licenses.

(Photo illustration via Canva; sample driver's license image courtesy of Iowa Department of Transportation)

Advocates of LGBTQ rights won a victory at the Iowa Capitol this week – but another battle may be looming.

Gov. Kim Reynolds' office has drafted a bill that would prevent transgender Iowans who have had gender reassignment surgery from simply changing their sex on their birth certificate or driver's license.

The bill draft, obtained by Iowa Capital Dispatch, would require a person's sex at birth to be listed along with any sex reassignment for people seeking to change their birth certificate. The bill would also create a record of any sex changes on the Iowa driver's license for people who apply to update the document after a reassignment surgery.

The governor does intend to file the bill, her spokesman, Kollin Crompton told Iowa Capital Dispatch.

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