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Representative Kristen Arrington and Senator Victor M. Torres, Jr. Introduce Legislation to Allow Non-Binary Gender Marker on IDs

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Today, **Representative Kristen Arrington (D-Kissimmee)** introduced **HB 249**, an Act relating to driver license and identification card gender designation. The companion legislation, **SB 456** was filed by **Senator Victor Torres (D-Orlando)**. This act would allow those who are non-binary to select a non-binary gender designation when applying for a driver's license or ID card.

More than half of the states in the country and the District of Columbia already recognize and allow for non-binary gender designations to be placed on driver's licenses and ID cards. The federal government has announced that it will allow for non-binary gender markers on passports and other federal IDs by the end of 2021.

"Non-binary people in the state of Florida haven't been able to obtain a driver's license or ID card with an accurate gender marker that reflects their identity," said **Representative Arrington**. "This bill puts us in line with the majority of the country by offering the gender marker options that are available on US passports. Almost 1,000 Americans move to Florida each day. Those who are non-binary who are moving to Florida are finding they are unable to get an ID card that reflects who they are."

"Our laws frequently need to be updated to reflect societal changes and this bill allows Florida to keep pace with the national trend of recognizing the non-binary gender identification status for individuals," stated **Senator Torres**.

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