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Kissimmee, Fla. - Today, **Representative Kristen Arrington (D- Kissimmee)** introduced **HB 493**, an Act relating to driver license and identification card gender designation. **Senator Victor Torres (D-Orlando)** filed the companion legislation, **SB 1356**. This act would allow those who are non-binary to select a non-binary gender designation when applying for a driver's license or identification (ID) card.

Twenty-three states and the District of Columbia already recognize and allow non-binary gender designations be placed on driver's licenses and ID cards. Ohio and Utah also allow for non-binary gender designations with a court order. A court order can also be sought for non-binary gender designations on federal IDs.

"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. Almost 1,000 Americans move to Florida each day. Those who are non-binary and move from one of the other 25 states that already allow for a non-binary gender marker are finding they are unable to get an ID card that reflects their identity."

"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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