

BIGAMY REVISIONS

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jerry B. Anderson

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Criminal Code regarding the offense of bigamy.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ removes cohabitation with another person as an element of the offense of bigamy.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

76-7-101, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1997, Chapter 296

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **76-7-101** is amended to read:

76-7-101. Bigamy -- Defense.

(1) A person is guilty of bigamy when, knowing he or she has a husband or wife or knowing the other person has a husband or wife, the person purports to marry another person [~~or cohabits with another person~~].

(2) Bigamy is a third degree felony [~~of the third degree~~].



28 (3) It [~~shall be~~] is a defense to a charge of bigamy that the accused reasonably believed
29 he or she and the other person were legally eligible to marry or remarry.

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