

S.B. 110 – Marriage Amendments

Key Points:

1. Esquivel story
2. The statute currently requires a high bar to affirmatively prove a common law marital relationship, why does this need to be changed?
3. Disrupts legal recognition of parents and families that meet current statutes causing additional legal problems regarding heirs, responsible parties, children's rights, etc.
4. In emergency situations, the spouse may not be allowed to come in to the ER to provide guidance and care for the other spouse.
5. Creates the same disruption with health care for their children – who is responsible?
6. Creates significant disruption with schooling, i.e., who will be responsible for care of the child.
7. Creates significant disruption with property ownership.
8. Creates disruption in how couples file taxes, organize their finances and inheritances for children.