

**17-50-325 Authority to make benefits generally available to employees, their dependents, and an adult designee -- Registry authorized -- Limitations.**

- (1) A county may, by ordinance enacted by the county legislative body, make benefits generally available to all county employees, their dependents, and an unmarried employee's financially dependent or interdependent adult designee.
- (2)
  - (a) Subject to Subsection (2)(b), a county may, by ordinance enacted by the county legislative body, create a registry for adult relationships of financial dependence or interdependence.
  - (b) A county may not create or maintain a registry or other means that defines, identifies, or recognizes and gives legal status or effect to a domestic partnership, civil union, or domestic cohabitation relationship other than marriage.
- (3) The county's recognition of an adult designee, the creation and maintenance of a registry under Subsection (2)(a), and any certificate issued to or other designation of a person on the county's registry are not and may not be treated the same as or substantially equivalent to marriage.
- (4) Neither an ordinance under Subsection (1) or (2)(a) nor a registry created under Subsection (2)(a) making an employee benefit available to an adult designee may create, modify, or affect a spousal, marital, or parental status, duty, or right.
- (5) An ordinance, executive order, rule, or regulation adopted or other action taken before, on, or after May 5, 2008 that is inconsistent with this section is void.

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