

**MARRIAGE MODIFICATIONS**

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Jacob L. Anderegg**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill affirms a clergy member's religious freedom to act within the confines of the member's religious organization.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ recognizes the fundamental right of religious liberty; and
- ▶ affirms that a member of the clergy is not required to solemnize a marriage that violates the member's religious belief system.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides an immediate effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**30-1-6.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **30-1-6.5** is enacted to read:

**30-1-6.5. When clergy not required to solemnize marriage.**

A member of the clergy, as described in Subsection **30-1-6(1)(a)** or (b), is not required



28 and may not be compelled to solemnize a marriage when doing so would violate the member's,  
29 or the member's religious organization's, religious beliefs, tenets, doctrine, practices, or the  
30 member's fundamental right to religious liberty.

31 Section 2. **Effective date.**

32 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect  
33 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah  
34 Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,  
35 the date of veto override.

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**Legislative Review Note**

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