

H.B. 281

BIGAMY OFFENSE AMENDMENTS

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT 4

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Representative **Earl D. Tanner** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 1, Line 12a*

House Committee Amendments

2-19-2016:

12a ▶ modifies the criminal penalty ←H in specified situations .

2. *Page 1, Lines 25 through 26*

a. House Committee Amendments

b. 2-19-2016:

25 (1) {~~A person~~} An actor is guilty of bigamy when, knowing [he] the {~~person~~} actor
has a husband or wife

26 or knowing the other person has a husband or wife, the {~~person~~} actor purports to marry [another]
H→ [the

3. *Page 1, Line 28 through Page 2, Line 30:*

28 {~~(2) Bigamy is a H→ [third degree felony] ←H [of the third degree] H→ class A~~

28a misdemeanor ←H . }

(2) A violation under Subsection (1) is:

(a) a third degree felony if the actor did not reasonably believe that each husband or wife, and each purported husband or wife, of the actor and the other person had consented to the bigamy; and

(b) an infraction if the actor reasonably believed that each husband or wife, and each purported husband or wife, of the actor and the other person had consented to the bigamy.

29 (3) It [~~shall be~~] is a defense to bigamy that the {~~accused~~} actor reasonably believed [he] the

30 {~~accused~~} actor and the other person were legally eligible to remarry.