

H.B. 99

BIGAMY OFFENSE AMENDMENTS

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT 1

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Representative **Brian M. Greene** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 2, Lines 28 through 30:*

28 (2) Bigamy is a {~~third degree felony~~} class B misdemeanor [of the third degree].

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

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

(4) Bigamy is a secondary offense and may only be prosecuted if one or more of the following is a primary charge:

(a) inducing marriage under false pretenses;

(b) fraud;

(c) domestic abuse;

(d) child abuse; or

(e) sexual abuse.

(5) If a person is convicted of bigamy and fraud or sexual abuse under Subsection (4), the penalty for the primary offense shall be enhanced by one degree.