

H.B. 99

BIGAMY OFFENSE AMENDMENTS

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT 3

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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 A 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;

(e) sexual abuse;

(f) human trafficking; or

(g) human smuggling.

(5) If a person is convicted of bigamy and any offense under Subsection (4), the penalty for both offenses shall be enhanced by one degree.