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MARRIAGE MODIFICATIONS
2024 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Anthony E. Loubet
Senate Sponsor: Karen Kwan

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses marriage.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ addresses the validation and recognition of a marriage regardless of the race, ethnicity, or national origin of the parties to the marriage;
- ▶ addresses the issuance of a marriage license and the solemnization of a marriage;
- ▶ repeals a provision on interracial marriage; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

30-1-2.4, Utah Code Annotated 1953

REPEALS:

30-1-2.2, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1995, Chapter 20

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

Section 1. Section **30-1-2.4** is enacted to read:

30-1-2.4 . Recognition and validation of a marriage regardless of the race, ethnicity, or national origin of the parties.

(1) As used in this section:

- 28 (a) "Eligible couple" means two individuals that may legally marry each other in this
29 state.
- 30 (b) "Specified characteristic" means the race, ethnicity, or national origin of a party to
31 the marriage.
- 32 (2) Regardless of the date of the marriage, a marriage between two individuals may not be
33 deemed invalid or prohibited because of a specified characteristic.
- 34 (3) The office of a county clerk may not refuse to issue a marriage license to an eligible
35 couple because of a specified characteristic.
- 36 (4) (a) The office of a county clerk may not refuse to solemnize the marriage of an
37 eligible couple because of a specified characteristic.
- 38 (b) Subsection (4)(a) does not prevent a county clerk from delegating or deputizing
39 another individual to solemnize a marriage in accordance with Subsections 17-20-4
40 (2) and 30-1-6(2)(1).

41 Section 2. **Repealer.**

42 This bill repeals:

43 Section **30-1-2.2, Validation of interracial marriages.**

44 Section 3. **Effective date.**

45 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.