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H. R. 2523

To repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage.

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A BILL

To repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect
for State regulation of marriage.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Respect for Marriage
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF SECTION ADDED TO TITLE 28, UNITED**
7 **STATES CODE, BY SECTION 2 OF THE DE-**
8 **FENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT.**

9 Section 1738C of title 28, United States Code, is re-
10 pealed, and the table of sections at the beginning of chap-
11 ter 115 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by
12 striking the item relating to that section.

13 **SEC. 3. MARRIAGE RECOGNITION.**

14 Section 7 of title 1, United States Code, is amended
15 to read as follows:

1 **“§ 7. Marriage**

2 “(a) For the purposes of any Federal law in which
3 marital status is a factor, an individual shall be considered
4 married if that individual’s marriage is valid in the State
5 where the marriage was entered into or, in the case of
6 a marriage entered into outside any State, if the marriage
7 is valid in the place where entered into and the marriage
8 could have been entered into in a State.

9 “(b) In this section, the term ‘State’ means a State,
10 the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto
11 Rico, or any other territory or possession of the United
12 States.”.

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