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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1966 Session of  
2019

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INTRODUCED BY McNEILL, HILL-EVANS, READSHAW, FRANKEL,  
SCHLOSSBERG, YOUNGBLOOD, SCHWEYER, McCLINTON, NEILSON,  
KAUFER, HARKINS, FITZGERALD, T. DAVIS, FREEMAN AND  
CALTAGIRONE, OCTOBER 21, 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 21, 2019

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in marriage ceremony, further  
3 providing for persons qualified to solemnize marriages.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 1503(a) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

8 § 1503. Persons qualified to solemnize marriages.

9 (a) General rule.--The following are authorized to solemnize  
10 marriages between persons that produce a marriage license issued  
11 under this part:

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13 (7) Any individual of a religious order, body or  
14 institution authorized by the rules and customs of that  
15 order, body or institution to perform a marriage ceremony.

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17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.