

MARRIAGE MODIFICATIONS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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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 original of the parties to the 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:



28 **30-1-2.4. Recognition and validation of marriage regardless of race, ethnicity, or**
29 **national origin of the parties.**

30 (1) As used in this section, "governmental entity" means the state, a county, a
31 municipality, a special district, a special service district, a school district, a state institution of
32 higher education, or any other political subdivision or administrative unit of the state.

33 (2) (a) A marriage between two individuals may not be deemed invalid or prohibited
34 on the basis of the race, ethnicity, or national origin of those individuals.

35 (b) A marriage between two individuals that was not valid or legal before July 1, 1965,
36 on the basis of the race, ethnicity, or national origin of those individuals is considered valid and
37 legal in this state.

38 (3) (a) A county clerk may not refuse to issue a marriage license on the basis of the
39 race, ethnicity, or national origin of the individuals applying for the marriage license.

40 (b) If an employee or public official of a governmental entity is authorized to
41 solemnize a marriage under Section [30-1-6](#), the employee or public official may not refuse to
42 solemnize a marriage on the basis of the race, ethnicity, or national origin of the parties to the
43 marriage.

44 (4) A governmental entity, or an employee or public official of a governmental entity,
45 may not deny a right or claim arising from a valid and legal marriage between two individuals
46 on the basis of the race, ethnicity, or national origin of those individuals.

47 Section 2. **Repealer.**

48 This bill repeals:

49 Section [30-1-2.2](#), **Validation of interracial marriages.**

50 Section 3. **Effective date.**

51 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.