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

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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~~] 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**, as Utah Code Annotated 1953

REPEALS:

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

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*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.