

HOUSE BILL 1279

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0lr3248

By: **Delegate Conaway**

Introduced and read first time: February 18, 2010

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Marriage – Valid Between Consenting Adults**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that a marriage between consenting adults is valid in
4 the State; making this Act contingent on the passage and ratification of a
5 certain constitutional amendment; and generally relating to the validity of
6 marriages in the State.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Family Law
9 Section 2–201
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Family Law**

15 2–201.

16 Only a marriage between [a man and a woman] **CONSENTING ADULTS** is valid
17 in this State.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is contingent on
19 the passage of Chapter ___ (S.B. ___/H.B. ___)(0lr3281) of the Acts of the General
20 Assembly of 2010, a constitutional amendment, and its ratification by the voters of the
21 State.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions
23 of Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall take effect on the proclamation of the Governor

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 that the constitutional amendment, having received a majority of the votes cast at the
2 general election, has been adopted by the people of Maryland.