

Representative Anthony E. Loubet proposes the following substitute bill:

MARRIAGE MODIFICATIONS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Anthony E. Loubet

Senate Sponsor: Karen Kwan

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;
- ▶ 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, 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:

(a) "Eligible couple" means two individuals that may legally marry each other in this state.

(b) "Specified characteristic" means the race, ethnicity, or national origin of a party to the marriage.

(2) Regardless of the date of the marriage, a marriage between two individuals may not be deemed invalid or prohibited because of a specified characteristic.

(3) The office of a county clerk may not refuse to issue a marriage license to an eligible couple because of a specified characteristic.

(4) (a) The office of a county clerk may not refuse to solemnize the marriage of an eligible couple because of a specified characteristic.

(b) Subsection (4)(a) does not prevent a county clerk from delegating or deputizing another individual to solemnize a marriage in accordance with Subsections [17-20-4\(2\)](#) and [30-1-6\(2\)\(1\)](#).

Section 2. **Repealer.**

This bill repeals:

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

Section 3. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.