



General Assembly

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Amendment

LCO No. 4763

Offered by:

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5830

File No. 461

Cal. No. 371

"An Act Concerning The Best Interest Of Children In Adoption Matters."

1 After line 266, add the following:

2 "Sec. 5. Section 46b-24 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

4 (a) No [persons] man and woman may be joined in marriage in this
5 state until both have complied with the provisions of sections 46b-24 to
6 46b-27, inclusive, and 46b-29 to 46b-33, inclusive, and have been issued
7 a license by the registrar for the town in which the marriage is to be
8 celebrated, which bears the certification of the registrar that the
9 persons named therein have complied with the provisions of said
10 sections.

11 (b) Such license, when certified by the registrar, is sufficient
12 authority for any person authorized to perform a marriage ceremony
13 in this state to join such [persons] man and woman in marriage,
14 provided the ceremony is performed within the town where the
15 license was issued and within a period of not more than sixty-five days

16 after the date of application.

17 (c) Anyone who joins any [persons] man and woman in marriage
18 without having received such license from them shall be fined not
19 more than one hundred dollars.

20 (d) Marriage is inherently a unique relationship between a man and
21 a woman. As a matter of public policy, this state has a special interest
22 in encouraging, supporting, and protecting that unique relationship in
23 order to promote, among other goals, the stability and welfare of
24 society and its children. A marriage contracted between individuals of
25 the same sex is invalid in this state.

26 (e) So far as its validity in law is concerned, marriage is a civil
27 contract between a man and a woman, to which the consent of parties
28 capable in law of contracting is essential. Consent alone is not enough
29 to effectuate a legal marriage. Consent shall be followed by obtaining a
30 license and solemnization as authorized by chapter 815e.

31 (f) This state recognizes marriage as inherently a unique
32 relationship between a man and a woman, and therefore a marriage
33 that is not between a man and a woman is invalid in this state
34 regardless of whether the marriage is contracted according to the laws
35 of another jurisdiction.

36 Sec. 6. Section 46b-21 of the general statutes is repealed and the
37 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

38 No man may marry his mother, grandmother, daughter,
39 granddaughter, sister, aunt, niece, stepmother or stepdaughter, or
40 another man, and no woman may marry her father, grandfather, son,
41 grandson, brother, uncle, nephew, stepfather or stepson, or another
42 woman. [Any marriage within these degrees is void] Any marriage in
43 violation of these prohibitions is void."