



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 554**

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Substitute House Bill No. 6573

*House of Representatives, April 28, 2003*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN MARRIAGES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 46b-22a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 All marriages, celebrated [on and after April 27, 2001, and before  
4 June 3, 2002] before the effective date of this section, otherwise valid  
5 except that the justice of the peace joining such persons in marriage  
6 did not have a valid certificate of qualification, are validated, provided  
7 the justice of the peace who joined such persons in marriage  
8 represented himself or herself to be a duly qualified justice of the peace  
9 and such persons reasonably relied upon such representation.

10 Sec. 2. Section 46b-24a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
11 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

12 All marriages celebrated [on and after April 27, 2001, and before  
13 June 3, 2002] before the effective date of this section, otherwise valid

14 except that the license for any such marriage was issued in a town  
15 other than the town in this state in which such marriage was  
16 celebrated, are validated.

17 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) All marriages celebrated on or after  
18 January 1, 2001, and before the effective date of this section, otherwise  
19 valid except that the term of office as justice of the peace of the person  
20 joining such persons in marriage had expired, are validated, provided  
21 the person who joined such persons in marriage represented himself or  
22 herself to be a duly qualified justice of the peace and such persons  
23 reasonably relied upon such representation.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

This bill validates certain marriages. No fiscal impact is associated with its passage.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

This bill validates all marriages performed between June 3, 2002 and the bill's effective date that would have been valid except that they were (1) not performed in the town that issued the marriage license or (2) performed by a justice of the peace who represented himself as duly qualified but did not have a valid certificate of qualification, if the couple being married reasonably relied on the representation.

The bill also validates all marriages performed between January 1, 2001 and the bill's effective date that would have been valid except that they were performed by a justice of the peace who represented himself as duly qualified but whose term of office had expired, if the couple being married reasonably relied on the representation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 41    Nay 0