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Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN STATE STATUTES TO SAME SEX PARTNERS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) For the purposes of this  
2 act:

3 (1) "Civil union" means a union established pursuant to this act  
4 between two eligible persons; and

5 (2) "Party to a civil union" means a person who has established a  
6 civil union pursuant to this act.

7 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) A person is eligible to  
8 enter into a civil union if such person is:

9 (1) Not a party to another civil union or a marriage;

10 (2) Of the same sex as the other party to the civil union;

11 (3) Except as provided in section 10 of this act, at least eighteen  
12 years of age; and

13 (4) Not prohibited from entering into a civil union pursuant to  
14 section 3 of this act.

15 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) A woman shall not enter  
16 into a civil union with her mother, grandmother, daughter,  
17 granddaughter, sister, brother's daughter, sister's daughter, father's  
18 sister or mother's sister.

19 (b) A man shall not enter into a civil union with his father,  
20 grandfather, son, grandson, brother, brother's son, sister's son, father's  
21 brother or mother's brother.

22 (c) A civil union between persons prohibited from entering into a  
23 civil union pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of this section is void.

24 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) All judges and retired  
25 judges, either elected or appointed, family support magistrates, state  
26 referees and justices of the peace may join persons in a civil union in  
27 any town in the state and all ordained or licensed members of the  
28 clergy, belonging to this state or any other state, so long as they  
29 continue in the work of the ministry may join persons in a civil union.  
30 All civil unions solemnized according to the forms and usages of any  
31 religious denomination in this state, including marriages witnessed by  
32 a duly constituted Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is, are valid. All civil  
33 unions attempted to be celebrated by any other person are void.

34 (b) No public official legally authorized to issue civil union licenses  
35 may join persons in civil union under authority of a license issued by  
36 such official, or such official's assistant or deputy; nor may any such  
37 assistant or deputy join persons in civil union under authority of a  
38 license issued by such public official.

39 (c) Any person violating any provision of this section shall be fined  
40 not more than fifty dollars.

41 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) Any person who undertakes  
42 to join persons in civil union, knowing that such person is not

43 authorized to do so, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars  
44 or imprisoned not more than one year or both.

45 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) No persons may be  
46 joined in civil union in this state until both have complied with the  
47 provisions of this act and have been issued a license by the registrar of  
48 vital statistics for the town in which the civil union is to be celebrated,  
49 which bears the certification of the registrar that the persons named  
50 therein have complied with the provisions of this act.

51 (b) Such license, when certified by the registrar, is sufficient  
52 authority for any person authorized to perform a civil union ceremony  
53 in this state to join such persons in civil union, provided the ceremony  
54 is performed within the town where the license was issued and within  
55 a period of not more than sixty-five days after the date of application.

56 (c) Any person who joins any persons in civil union without having  
57 received such license from them shall be fined not more than one  
58 hundred dollars.

59 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) No license for a civil union  
60 may be issued by the registrar of vital statistics until both persons have  
61 appeared before the registrar and made application for a license. The  
62 license shall be dated, signed and sworn to by each applicant and shall  
63 state each applicant's name, age, race, birthplace, residence, whether  
64 single, widowed or divorced and whether under the supervision or  
65 control of a conservator or guardian. The Social Security numbers of  
66 the two persons shall be recorded in the "administrative purposes"  
67 section of the license. If the license is signed and sworn to by the  
68 applicants on different dates, the earlier date shall be deemed the date  
69 of application. The registrar shall issue a copy of this act to any person  
70 making application for a license and shall provide such person with  
71 information that advises such person of the benefits, protections and  
72 responsibilities of a civil union.

73 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) No license for a civil

74 union may be issued by any registrar of vital statistics until there has  
75 been filed with the registrar, for each applicant, a statement signed by  
76 a physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in any state or  
77 territory of the United States, the District of Columbia or any province  
78 of Canada, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to  
79 chapter 378 of the general statutes, a nurse-midwife licensed pursuant  
80 to chapter 377 of the general statutes or a physician assistant licensed  
81 pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes, or by a commissioned  
82 medical officer in the armed forces or the Public Health Service of the  
83 United States, that the applicant has submitted to a standard  
84 laboratory blood test, that, if the test was positive, the person has  
85 submitted to a physical examination of the skin and appropriate  
86 mucous membranes, and that, in the opinion of such physician,  
87 advanced practice registered nurse, nurse-midwife or physician  
88 assistant, the person is not infected with syphilis or in a stage of that  
89 disease that is communicable.

90 (b) Except as provided in this section, the statement of any such  
91 physician or medical officer shall be accompanied by a statement by  
92 the person in charge of an approved laboratory or such person's  
93 representative giving the name of the standard laboratory blood test  
94 made and the exact name of the applicant but not the results of the  
95 test. A standard laboratory blood test shall be a laboratory test for  
96 syphilis approved by the Department of Public Health and shall be  
97 performed by said department upon request of a licensed physician or  
98 at a laboratory approved by it. No license may be issued if the date of  
99 the blood test for either applicant is more than thirty-five days before  
100 the date of application.

101 (c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any registrar from  
102 accepting a statement executed on a form officially used for the same  
103 purpose in any other state or territory of the United States or in any  
104 province of Canada, provided the other state, territory or province  
105 requires a blood test prior to a civil union, and the date of that test, or  
106 the date of the physician's statement, when the date of the test is not a

107 part of the official blood test form of such other state, territory or  
108 province, is not more than thirty-five days before the date of  
109 application for the license.

110 (d) With the approval of the administrative head of the municipality  
111 and the Public Records Administrator, as provided in section 7-109 of  
112 the general statutes, the statements filed with the registrar in  
113 compliance with the provisions of this section may be destroyed one  
114 year after the date of filing.

115 (e) In addition to the standard laboratory test required in subsection  
116 (a) of this section, a female applicant who is less than fifty years of age  
117 and is capable of pregnancy shall also provide a statement upon a  
118 form provided by the Department of Public Health, signed by a  
119 physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in any state or  
120 territory of the United States, the District of Columbia or any province  
121 of Canada, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to  
122 chapter 378 of the general statutes, a nurse-midwife licensed pursuant  
123 to chapter 377 of the general statutes or a physician assistant licensed  
124 pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes, or by a commissioned  
125 medical officer in the armed forces or the Public Health Service of the  
126 United States, that such applicant has submitted to a test for rubella  
127 immunity. Such test shall be a standard laboratory test for rubella  
128 immunity approved by the Department of Public Health. The results of  
129 the test shall be disclosed in writing to the applicant by such physician,  
130 advanced practice registered nurse, nurse-midwife or physician  
131 assistant. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit any registrar from  
132 accepting a statement executed on a form officially used for such  
133 purpose in any other state provided the other state, territory or  
134 province requires a test for rubella immunity. Nothing in this  
135 subsection shall be construed to require an applicant to receive  
136 immunization from rubella prior to the issuance of a license but shall  
137 be construed as requiring that the applicant be informed as to whether  
138 or not such applicant is immune to rubella and the consequences of  
139 such lack of immunity with respect to pregnancy.

140 (f) No license may be issued in violation of the provisions of this  
141 section unless it is the opinion of the judge of probate for the district in  
142 which the civil union is to be celebrated, after hearing evidence, that  
143 public policy or the physical condition of either applicant requires the  
144 civil union to be celebrated without delay, and the judge renders a  
145 written decision that the provisions of this section should be waived.  
146 The decision shall be filed as a part of the records of the office of the  
147 registrar, who shall immediately issue the license after all other  
148 requirements of this act have been satisfied.

149 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) No civil union license  
150 may be issued to any applicant under the supervision or control of a  
151 conservator, appointed in accordance with sections 45a-644 to 45a-662,  
152 inclusive, of the general statutes unless the written consent of the  
153 conservator, signed and acknowledged before a person authorized to  
154 take acknowledgments of conveyances under the provisions of section  
155 47-5a of the general statutes or authorized to take acknowledgments in  
156 any other state or country, is filed with the registrar.

157 (b) Any person who enters into a civil union without the consent  
158 provided for in subsection (a) of this section shall acquire no rights by  
159 such civil union in the property of any person who was under such  
160 control or supervision at the time of the civil union.

161 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) No civil union license  
162 may be issued to any applicant under sixteen years of age, unless the  
163 judge of probate for the district in which the minor resides endorses  
164 such judge's written consent on the license.

165 (b) No civil union license may be issued to any applicant under  
166 eighteen years of age, unless the written consent of a parent or  
167 guardian of the person of such minor, signed and acknowledged  
168 before a person authorized to take acknowledgments of conveyances  
169 under the provisions of section 47-5a of the general statutes, or  
170 authorized to take acknowledgments in any other state or country, is  
171 filed with the registrar. If no parent or guardian of the person of such

172 minor is a resident of the United States, the written consent of the  
173 judge of probate for the district in which the minor resides, endorsed  
174 on the license, shall be sufficient.

175 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) Any registrar of vital  
176 statistics who places on file any application for a civil union license, or  
177 issues any civil union license, except as provided in this act, or who  
178 conceals or refuses to make any application available to public  
179 examination while such registrar's office is open for business during  
180 the period until the license is issued, shall be fined not more than one  
181 hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or both.

182 Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) Each person who joins any  
183 person in a civil union shall certify upon the license certificate the fact,  
184 time and place of the civil union, and return it to the registrar of vital  
185 statistics of the town where it was issued, before or during the first  
186 week of the month following the celebration of the civil union. Any  
187 person who fails to do so shall be fined not more than ten dollars.

188 Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) The certificates required by  
189 this act shall be prima facie evidence of the facts stated in them.

190 Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) All civil unions in which  
191 one or both parties are citizens of this state, celebrated in a foreign  
192 country, shall be valid, provided: (1) Each party would have legal  
193 capacity to contract such civil union in this state and the civil union is  
194 celebrated in conformity with the law of that country; or (2) the civil  
195 union is celebrated in the presence of the ambassador or minister to  
196 that country from the United States or in the presence of a consular  
197 officer of the United States accredited to such country, at a place within  
198 his or her consular jurisdiction, by any ordained or licensed member of  
199 the clergy engaged in the work of the ministry in any state of the  
200 United States or in any foreign country.

201 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) Parties to a civil union shall  
202 have all the same benefits, protections and responsibilities under law,

203 whether derived from the general statutes, administrative regulations  
204 or court rules, policy, common law or any other source of civil law, as  
205 are granted to spouses in a marriage.

206 Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) Wherever in the general  
207 statutes including, but not limited to, the following titles and sections  
208 of the general statutes, the terms "spouse", "family", "immediate  
209 family", "dependent", "next of kin", or any other term that denotes the  
210 spousal relationship are used or defined, a party in a civil union shall  
211 be included in such use or definition, and wherever in the general  
212 statutes, including, but not limited to the following titles and sections  
213 of the general statutes, except sections 46b-20 to 46b-35, inclusive, of  
214 the general statutes, the term "marriage" is used or defined, a civil  
215 union shall be included in such use or definition:

216 (1) Title 1 concerning provisions of general application including,  
217 but not limited to: Section 1-24 concerning administration of oaths to  
218 spouses of military personnel; section 1-33 concerning the form of an  
219 acknowledgment of a married woman; section 1-49 concerning the  
220 meaning of language in a short form power of attorney that confers  
221 general authority with respect to insurance transactions; section 1-52  
222 concerning the meaning of language in a short form power of attorney  
223 that confers general authority with respect to personal relationships;  
224 section 1-53 concerning the meaning of language in a short form power  
225 of attorney that confers general authority with respect to benefits from  
226 military service; sections 1-79, 1-83 to 1-86, inclusive, concerning codes  
227 of ethics for public officials; section 1-91 concerning code of ethics for  
228 lobbyists;

229 (2) Title 2 concerning the General Assembly including, but not  
230 limited to: Section 2-16 concerning prohibition on members of the  
231 General Assembly who are attorneys appearing before the General  
232 Assembly or any committee thereof when there is a close personal  
233 relationship;

234 (3) Title 3 concerning state elective officers including, but not

235 limited to: Section 3-2a concerning pensions for Governors and their  
236 spouses; section 3-2b concerning when honor guards are provided at  
237 the funeral and burial of state elective officers and legislators; section  
238 3-62b concerning the escheat of property held by federal courts or  
239 agencies; sections 3-122 and 3-123 concerning relief payments to  
240 survivors of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty;

241 (4) Title 4a concerning administrative services including, but not  
242 limited to: Section 4a-12 concerning financial liability for assistance  
243 received by spouse;

244 (5) Title 5 concerning state employees including, but not limited to:  
245 Sections 5-142, 5-144, 5-146, 5-147, 5-150 and 5-151 concerning  
246 disability compensation and death benefits; sections 5-158g, 5-162b, 5-  
247 162d, 5-162h, 5-165, 5-165a, 5-192q, 5-192r, 5-192s and 5-192t  
248 concerning the state employees retirement act; section 5-224  
249 concerning credit for military service on examinations for original  
250 appointments; section 5-248a concerning family and medical leave for  
251 state employees; section 5-259 concerning eligibility for hospitalization  
252 and medical and surgical plan;

253 (6) Title 7 concerning municipalities including, but not limited to:  
254 Sections 7-36, 7-41, 7-41a, 7-42, 7-44 to 7-47a, inclusive, 7-51 to 7-52,  
255 inclusive, 7-62a, 7-62b, 7-73, 7-74 and 7-76 concerning registrars of vital  
256 statistics; section 7-148 concerning scope of municipal powers; section  
257 7-148h concerning conflict of interest of municipal officials; section 7-  
258 297 concerning retirement and death benefits for members of the  
259 veteran reserve; section 7-323e concerning benefits in the policemen  
260 and firemen survivors' benefit fund; sections 7-436, 7-439g, 7-440, 7-  
261 450, 7-450b and 7-459a concerning municipal employee retirement;

262 (7) Title 8 concerning zoning, planning, housing, economic and  
263 community development and human resources including, but not  
264 limited to: Section 8-39 concerning eligibility for municipal housing  
265 projects; section 8-129 concerning notice to owners and interested  
266 parties when land is taken by a redevelopment agency; section 8-268

267 concerning payment for displacement expenses and losses under  
268 Uniform Relocation Assistance Act;

269 (8) Title 9 concerning elections including, but not limited to: Section  
270 9-20, 9-20a, 9-25a, 9-26, 9-28, 9-31b and 9-40a concerning qualification  
271 and admission of electors; sections 9-135, 9-137, 9-140, 9-140b, 9-147c,  
272 9-153a, 9-153d, 9-153e, 9-153f and 9-159q concerning absentee voting;  
273 sections 9-333i, 9-333j and 9-333l concerning campaign financing;

274 (9) Title 10 concerning education and culture including, but not  
275 limited to: Section 10-183b, 10-183e, 10-183g, 10-183h, 10-183t and 10-  
276 183oo concerning the teachers' retirement system;

277 (10) Title 10a concerning state system of higher education including,  
278 but not limited to: Sections 10a-26, 10a-29 and 10a-30 concerning  
279 tuition charges; section 10a-37 concerning definition of family  
280 contribution for educational costs;

281 (11) Title 12 concerning taxation including, but not limited to:  
282 Sections 12-35f and 12-39t concerning tax refunds; sections 12-50, 12-  
283 63a, 12-81, 12-81f, 12-81g, 12-81i, 12-81j, 12-81x, 12-85, 12-90, 12-93 and  
284 12-94 concerning property tax assessment; sections 12-129b, 12-129c,  
285 12-129n and 12-129o concerning local levy and collection of taxes;  
286 sections 12-170d and 12-170e concerning property tax relief for elderly  
287 homeowners and renters; sections 12-170aa and 12-170bb concerning  
288 property tax relief for elderly homeowners and renters and persons  
289 with permanent total disability; section 12-202a concerning the  
290 nonapplicability of the tax on net direct subscriber charges of health  
291 care centers; sections 12-344, 12-350 and 12-382 concerning succession  
292 and transfer taxes; sections 12-408, 12-411 and 12-431 concerning the  
293 sales and use taxes; sections 12-498 and 12-504c concerning the real  
294 estate conveyance tax; sections 12-505, 12-506, 12-506c and 12-506f  
295 concerning the dividends, interest and capital gains tax; section 12-  
296 638n concerning the controlling interest transfer tax; section 12-646a  
297 concerning the gift tax; sections 12-700, 12-701, 12-702, 12-702a, 12-703,  
298 12-704c, 12-711, 12-724, 12-728 and 12-746 concerning the income tax;

299 section 12-802 concerning members and employees of the Connecticut  
300 Lottery Corporation;

301 (12) Title 13a concerning highways and bridges including, but not  
302 limited to: Section 13a-73 concerning notice to owners and interested  
303 persons when land is taken for highway construction;

304 (13) Title 14 concerning motor vehicles including, but not limited to:  
305 Section 14-14 concerning the registration of motor vehicles owned by  
306 minors; section 14-16 concerning the transfer of ownership of a motor  
307 vehicle; section 14-20b concerning number plates for veterans; section  
308 14-21d concerning number plates for prisoners of war and  
309 congressional medal of honor recipients; section 14-36 concerning  
310 motor vehicle operator's licenses and learner's permits; section 14-40a  
311 concerning motorcycle operator's licenses; section 14-54 concerning  
312 transfer of dealers' and repairers' licenses; section 14-254 concerning  
313 parking privileges of disabled veterans; section 14-325 concerning  
314 transfer of license to sell gasoline or other fuels by means of a curb  
315 pump;

316 (14) Title 16 concerning public service companies including, but not  
317 limited to: Section 16-262i concerning termination of utility accounts;

318 (15) Title 17a concerning social and human services and resources  
319 including, but not limited to: Section 17a-1 concerning definitions for  
320 the Department of Children and Families; section 17a-38 concerning  
321 home-based treatment programs; section 17a-81 concerning parental  
322 consent for treatment of mentally ill children; section 17a-92  
323 concerning the delegation of powers, duties or functions regarding  
324 children committed to the Commissioner of Children and Families;  
325 section 17a-93 concerning definitions for child welfare statutes; section  
326 17a-274 concerning the placement of mentally retarded persons;  
327 section 17a-281 concerning the voluntary admission to a facility for  
328 persons with mental retardation; section 17a-498 concerning the  
329 commitment of persons with psychiatric disabilities; section 17a-502  
330 concerning the emergency commitment of persons with psychiatric

331 disabilities; section 17a-506 concerning the voluntary commitment of  
332 persons with psychiatric disabilities; section 17a-510 concerning the  
333 release or transfer of a person in a hospital for psychiatric disabilities;  
334 section 17a-540 concerning definitions for provisions regarding  
335 patients' rights; section 17a-543 concerning procedures governing  
336 medication, treatment, psychosurgery and shock therapy for the  
337 treatment of a person with psychiatric disabilities; section 17a-683  
338 concerning notification when an intoxicated person is admitted to a  
339 treatment facility or hospital; section 17a-684 concerning the  
340 emergency commitment of an intoxicated person;

341 (16) Title 17b concerning social services including, but not limited  
342 to: Sections 17b-79, 17b-80, 17b-81, 17b-93, 17b-95, 17b-100, 17b-137 and  
343 17b-137a concerning eligibility for and payment of financial assistance;  
344 sections 17b-223, 17b-224, 17b-229, 17b-230, 17b-255, 17b-261, 17b-285  
345 and 17b-290 concerning eligibility for and payment of medical  
346 assistance; section 17b-342 concerning home-care program for the  
347 elderly; section 17b-354 concerning long-term care nursing home beds;  
348 sections 17b-490 and 17b-492 concerning eligibility for Connecticut  
349 Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract to the Elderly and Disabled  
350 Program; section 17b-551 concerning eligibility for Medicare  
351 assignment program; section 17b-597 concerning eligibility for the  
352 working persons with disabilities program; section 17b-689 concerning  
353 definition of unemployable person; section 17b-745 concerning support  
354 for child care;

355 (17) Title 19a concerning public health and well-being including, but  
356 not limited to: Section 19a-40 concerning supervision of vital statistics;  
357 section 19a-42 concerning amendment of vital records; section 19a-77  
358 concerning child day care services; section 19a-204 concerning  
359 appointment of municipal health director; section 19a-270 concerning  
360 the disposition of bodies for anatomical purposes; section 19a-279c  
361 concerning the making of an anatomical gift of a decedent's body;  
362 section 19a-282 concerning when the delivery of bodies for anatomical  
363 purposes is prohibited; section 19a-285 concerning consent by a minor

364 to medical, dental, health or hospital services for such minor's child;  
365 section 19a-286 concerning consent for an autopsy; section 19a-287  
366 concerning relatives of a deceased person who desire to give the body  
367 a decent burial; section 19a-307 concerning the sale of abandoned or  
368 unused cemetery lots; section 19a-493 concerning ownership of health  
369 care institutions; section 19a-509 concerning admission forms of  
370 hospitals and nursing homes; section 19a-539 concerning enforcement  
371 of surety contract of patient of nursing home; section 19a-550  
372 concerning the patients' bills of rights for patients in a nursing home  
373 facility or chronic disease hospital; sections 19a-570, 19a-571, 19a-576,  
374 19a-578, 19a-579b and 19a-580 concerning the removal of life support  
375 systems; section 19a-581 concerning AIDS testing and medical  
376 information;

377 (18) Title 20 concerning professional and occupational licensing,  
378 certification, title protection and registration and examining boards  
379 including, but not limited to: Section 20-8a concerning membership on  
380 the Connecticut Medical Examining Board; section 20-324e concerning  
381 the procedure for collection from the Real Estate Guaranty Fund;  
382 section 20-327b concerning transfers exempt from residential condition  
383 reports; section 20-553 concerning definition of athlete agent; section  
384 20-596 concerning ownership of pharmacies; sections 20-610 and 20-  
385 614 concerning dispensing of drugs to hospital employees;

386 (19) Title 22 concerning agriculture including, but not limited to:  
387 Section 22-6i concerning eligibility for food program for women,  
388 infants and children;

389 (20) Title 22a concerning environmental protection including, but  
390 not limited to: Section 22a-134 concerning transfer of hazardous waste  
391 establishments;

392 (21) Title 26 concerning fisheries and game including, but not  
393 limited to: Section 26-3b concerning right of first refusal to purchase  
394 land offered for sale by Commissioner of Environmental Protection;  
395 section 26-16 concerning hunting and fishing rights; section 26-27

396 concerning hunting, trapping and fishing licenses; section 26-29b  
397 concerning free private land deer permit; section 26-82 concerning  
398 killing of deer by landowners; section 26-86a concerning private land  
399 deer permits; section 26-86c concerning permits to hunt deer and small  
400 game with bow and arrow; section 26-142b concerning commercial  
401 fisheries licenses;

402 (22) Title 27 concerning armed forces and veterans including, but  
403 not limited to: Section 27-69 concerning the payment of death benefits;  
404 sections 27-80 and 27-83 concerning the payment of separation  
405 allowances to dependents; sections 27-102l and 27-102m concerning  
406 services of the Department of Veterans' Affairs; section 27-103  
407 concerning definition of eligible dependent and eligible family  
408 member of a veteran; section 27-122b concerning eligibility for burial  
409 in veterans' cemetery; section 27-125 concerning temporary assistance  
410 for veteran or family of deceased veteran; section 27-137 concerning  
411 acknowledgments of instruments; section 27-140 concerning payments  
412 from the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines' Fund;

413 (23) Title 30 concerning the liquor control act including, but not  
414 limited to: Sections 30-24 and 30-24b concerning participation in  
415 privileges of club or golf country club; section 30-48 concerning  
416 limitation on interest in liquor permits; section 30-86 concerning the  
417 permissible delivery of alcoholic liquor to minors; section 30-89  
418 concerning the permissible possession of alcoholic liquor by minors;

419 (24) Title 31 concerning labor including, but not limited to: Section  
420 31-51jj concerning notice to employees of emergency phone call;  
421 sections 31-51kk to 31-51mm, inclusive, concerning family and medical  
422 leave; section 31-68 concerning payment of unpaid minimum or  
423 overtime wage; section 31-101 concerning definition of employee for  
424 labor relations act; sections 31-222, 31-225a, 31-234 and 31-236  
425 concerning unemployment compensation; sections 31-275, 31-294d, 31-  
426 306 and 31-308 concerning workers' compensation;

427 (25) Title 33 concerning corporations including, but not limited to:

428 Sections 33-225 and 33-228 concerning membership in an electric  
429 cooperative and on its board of trustees; section 33-753 concerning  
430 independent directors to serve on audit committee; section 33-781  
431 concerning conflicting interest transactions of a director; sections 33-  
432 840 and 33-843 concerning definitions of an associate and a beneficial  
433 owner for purposes of business combination transactions; section 33-  
434 1127 concerning conflicting interest transactions of director of nonstock  
435 corporation;

436 (26) Title 36a concerning banking law including, but not limited to:  
437 Section 36a-297 concerning banking deposits of minors; section 36a-285  
438 concerning savings bank life insurance; section 36a-512 concerning  
439 persons exempt from secondary mortgage lender license requirements;  
440 section 36a-541 concerning refusal to issue a license for a sales finance  
441 company; section 36a-563 concerning small loans; section 36a-566  
442 concerning credit life and accident and health insurance; section 36a-  
443 759 concerning minority of veterans, spouses and widows for purposes  
444 of Servicemen's Readjustment Act;

445 (27) Title 36b concerning uniform securities act including, but not  
446 limited to: Section 36b-21 concerning transactions exempted from  
447 securities law;

448 (28) Title 38a concerning insurance including, but not limited to:  
449 Section 38a-182 concerning agreements with subscribers of health care  
450 centers; section 38a-201 concerning contracts between hospital service  
451 corporations and subscribers; section 38a-217 concerning contracts  
452 between medical service corporations and subscribers; section 38a-284  
453 concerning insurance contracts by minors; section 38a-341 concerning  
454 cancellation of motor vehicle liability policy; section 38a-363  
455 concerning definitions for no-fault motor vehicle insurance; section  
456 38a-401 concerning definitions concerning title insurance business;  
457 section 38a-439 concerning minimum nonforfeitable life insurance  
458 benefits; section 38a-465 concerning definition of viatical settlement  
459 provider; sections 38a-482, 38a-483, 38a-488a and 38a-497 concerning

460 individual health insurance policies and coverage; sections 38a-514,  
461 38a-540, 38a-541 and 38a-543 concerning group health insurance  
462 coverage; sections 38a-553 and 38a-554 concerning eligibility and  
463 benefits under comprehensive health care plans; section 38a-564 and  
464 38a-567 concerning blue ribbon health care plans; section 38a-631  
465 concerning benefits provided by fraternal benefit societies; sections  
466 38a-782 and 38a-783 concerning insurance producers' licenses; section  
467 38a-884 concerning the procedure for collection from the Brokered  
468 Transactions Guaranty Fund;

469 (29) Title 42 concerning business, selling, trading and collection  
470 practices including, but not limited to: Sections 42-133l and 42-133m  
471 concerning franchise agreements; section 42-133r concerning definition  
472 of family member entitled to inherit ownership interest in motor  
473 vehicle dealership; section 42-203 concerning disposition of funds held  
474 in escrow under a funeral service contract; section 42-220 concerning  
475 definition of consumer for purposes of used automobile warranties;  
476 section 42-350 concerning transfer of a farm, forestry, yard and garden  
477 equipment dealer's business;

478 (30) Title 42a concerning the uniform commercial code including,  
479 but not limited to: Section 42a-8-107 concerning endorsement,  
480 instruction or entitlement order by an appropriate person;

481 (31) Title 45a concerning probate courts and procedure including,  
482 but not limited to: Section 45a-22 concerning disqualification of judge  
483 due to relationship to party; section 45a-23 concerning use of office for  
484 financial gain prohibited; section 45a-26 concerning persons prohibited  
485 from practicing before probate judge; section 45a-68 concerning  
486 statement of financial interests; sections 45a-41, 45a-43 to 45a-46,  
487 inclusive, and 45a-56 concerning retirement benefits of probate court  
488 judges and employees; section 45a-107 concerning costs for settlement  
489 of decedent's estate; section 45a-234 concerning powers of fiduciaries;  
490 sections 45a-257, 45a-257a, 45a-257c, 45a-257e, 45a-258, 45a-259 and  
491 45a-265 concerning revocation and construction of wills; sections 45a-

492 273 and 45a-274 concerning administration or probate of wills; sections  
493 45a-284, 45a-290 and 45a-295 concerning probate of a will; section 45a-  
494 303 concerning administration of intestate estates; sections 45a-318,  
495 45a-320, 45a-321 and 45a-329 concerning settlement of decedents'  
496 estates; section 45a-341 concerning inventory of decedents' estates;  
497 sections 45a-353, 45a-355, 45a-356, 45a-366, 45a-383, 45a-393, 45a-394,  
498 45a-409 and 45a-417 concerning claims against decedents' estates;  
499 sections 45a-429, 45a-435, 45a-436, 45a-437, 45a-438, 45a-439, 45a-440a,  
500 45a-443, 45a-448 and 45a-450 concerning distribution of decedents'  
501 estates; sections 45a-459 to 45a-465, inclusive, concerning uniform  
502 disposition of community property rights at death act; section 45a-468a  
503 concerning definition of heir for purposes of the uniform transfer on  
504 death security registration act; sections 45a-478, 45a-486 and 45a-487  
505 concerning trusts and trustees; section 45a-494 concerning exclusions  
506 from statutory rule against perpetuities; section 45a-540 concerning  
507 powers in trust instruments act; sections 45a-542c and 45a-542u  
508 concerning uniform principal and income act; section 45a-557a  
509 concerning uniform transfers to minors act; section 45a-579 concerning  
510 disclaimer of property in decedent's estate; sections 45a-604 and 45a-  
511 614 concerning guardians of the person of a minor; sections 45a-629  
512 and 45a-631 concerning guardians of the estate of a minor; sections  
513 45a-644, 45a-645, 45a-649, 45a-654, 45a-655, 45a-659 and 45a-661  
514 concerning conservators; sections 45a-671, 45a-674, 45a-677 and 45a-  
515 682 concerning guardians of mentally retarded persons; section 45a-  
516 693 concerning notice of a hearing regarding sterilization; section 45a-  
517 707, 45a-724, 45a-727a, 45a-727b, 45a-732, 45a-734 and 45a-735  
518 concerning termination of parental rights and adoption; sections 45a-  
519 771, 45a-772, 45a-773, 45a-774, 45a-776 and 45a-777 concerning children  
520 conceived through artificial insemination;

521 (32) Title 46a concerning human rights including, but not limited to:  
522 Sections 46a-51, 46a-60, 46a-64, 46a-64c, 46a-70 to 46a-73, inclusive, 46a-  
523 75 and 46a-81r concerning discriminatory practices;

524 (33) Title 46b concerning family law including, but not limited to:

525 Sections 46b-1, 46b-3, 46b-6 and 46b-9 concerning court proceedings in  
526 family relations matters; sections 46b-20 to 46b-36, inclusive,  
527 concerning marriage; sections 46b-36a to 46b-36j, inclusive, concerning  
528 premarital agreements; section 46b-37 concerning joint liability of each  
529 spouse to support family; sections 46b-38a to 46b-38h, inclusive,  
530 concerning family violence prevention and response; sections 46b-40 to  
531 46b-69c, inclusive, concerning dissolution of marriage, legal separation  
532 and annulment; sections 46b-70 to 46b-75, inclusive, concerning  
533 enforcement of foreign matrimonial judgments; sections 46b-80 to 46b-  
534 87a, inclusive, concerning support of child and spouse; sections 46b-  
535 115a, 46b-115q and 46b-115cc concerning the Uniform Child Custody  
536 Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act; section 46b-129a concerning  
537 payment of counsel and a guardian ad litem for an abused child;  
538 sections 46b-150b and 46b-150d concerning the emancipation of  
539 minors; sections 46b-160, 46b-168 and 46b-169 concerning paternity  
540 matters; sections 46b-212a, 46b-212h, 46b-212i, 46b-212m and 46b-213a  
541 concerning the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; section 46b-215  
542 concerning the obligation to support a spouse or child; section 46b-216  
543 concerning the support of a surviving husband or wife; section 46b-231  
544 concerning the Family Support Magistrates Act; section 46b-233a  
545 concerning allowance payable to surviving spouse of family support  
546 magistrate;

547 (34) Title 47 concerning land titles including, but not limited to:  
548 Section 47-14g concerning effect of dissolution of marriage on joint  
549 tenancy; section 47-33 concerning action to settle title to land belonging  
550 to estate of deceased person; section 47-80 concerning members of the  
551 board of directors of a condominium; section 47-88d concerning  
552 reimbursement of moving and relocation expenses after condominium  
553 conversion; section 47-91 concerning interests in a real estate syndicate;  
554 section 47-287 concerning conversion tenant's right to relocation  
555 payment;

556 (35) Title 47a concerning landlord and tenant including, but not  
557 limited to: Section 47a-23c concerning prohibition on eviction of certain

558 tenants except for good cause;

559 (36) Title 49 concerning mortgages and liens including, but not  
560 limited to: Section 49-11 concerning release of mortgage;

561 (37) Title 51 concerning courts including, but not limited to: Section  
562 51-39 concerning disqualification of judges by reason of relationship;  
563 section 51-39a concerning use of judicial office for financial gain  
564 prohibited; section 51-46a concerning statement of financial interests  
565 by judge; sections 51-49c, 51-49g, 51-49g, 51-49h and 51-51 concerning  
566 retirement salaries and pensions for judges, family support  
567 magistrates, compensation commissioners and their surviving spouses  
568 and children; section 51-286d concerning notification of court  
569 proceedings; sections 51-287 and 51-288 concerning retirement benefits  
570 of state's attorney and widow; section 51-295a concerning retirement  
571 benefits of public defender and surviving spouse;

572 (38) Title 52 concerning civil actions including, but not limited to:  
573 Section 52-57 concerning manner of service of process; section 52-69  
574 concerning notice in equitable actions when there is no executor or  
575 administrator; section 52-126 concerning an action by a single person is  
576 not abated on account of the person's marriage; section 52-146  
577 concerning when wife may be compelled to testify against her  
578 husband; section 52-182 concerning presumption of family car or  
579 motorboat when operated by certain persons; section 52-204  
580 concerning recovery of expenditures by husband or parent of plaintiff;  
581 section 52-215 concerning entry of cases on the docket as court cases or  
582 jury cases; section 52-259 concerning court fees; section 52-362  
583 concerning income withholding and unemployment compensation for  
584 support; section 52-362f concerning enforcement of child support  
585 orders by income withholding; sections 52-555a to 52-555d, inclusive,  
586 concerning actions for loss of consortium; section 52-572b concerning  
587 an action for alienation of affections or breach of a promise to marry;  
588 section 52-572d concerning abrogation of interspousal immunity in  
589 motor vehicle negligence actions accruing out of state;

590 (39) Title 53 concerning crimes including, but not limited to: Section  
591 53-334 concerning unlawful disinterment;

592 (40) Title 53a concerning the penal code including, but not limited  
593 to: Sections 53a-65 and 53a-70b concerning sexual assault; sections 53a-  
594 190 and 53a-191 concerning bigamy and incest; and

595 (41) Title 54 concerning criminal procedure including, but not  
596 limited to: Section 54-84a concerning privilege of spouse not to testify  
597 for or against other spouse; section 54-85d concerning prohibition on  
598 an employer discharging employee who attends court proceedings as  
599 family member of homicide victim; section 54-131e concerning  
600 requests for medical diagnosis; section 54-201 concerning definitions of  
601 the relative of any person for purposes of victim services; section 54-  
602 203 concerning the powers and duties of the Office of Victim Services.

603 Sec. 17. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2003) Any person who fails or  
604 refuses for any reason to join persons in a civil union shall not be  
605 subject to any fine or other penalty for such failure or refusal.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To authorize the establishment of civil unions and grant to the parties in a civil union the same benefits, protections and responsibilities as granted to spouses in a marriage.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*