



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 963**

LCO No. 2989

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MARRIAGE EQUALITY.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 46b-25 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 No license may be issued by the registrar until both persons have  
4 appeared before the registrar and made application for a license. The  
5 registrar shall issue a license to any two persons, otherwise eligible  
6 under this chapter, regardless of the sex of such persons. The license  
7 shall be completed in its entirety, dated, signed and sworn to by each  
8 applicant and shall state each applicant's name, age, race, birthplace,  
9 residence, whether single, widowed or divorced and whether under  
10 the supervision or control of a conservator or guardian. The Social  
11 Security numbers of [the bride and the groom] both persons shall be  
12 recorded in the "administrative purposes" section of the license. If the  
13 license is signed and sworn to by the applicants on different dates, the  
14 earlier date shall be deemed the date of application.

15 Sec. 2. Section 46b-21 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
16 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

17 [No man may marry his mother, grandmother, daughter,  
18 granddaughter, sister, aunt, niece, stepmother or stepdaughter, and no  
19 woman may marry her father, grandfather, son, grandson, brother,  
20 uncle, nephew, stepfather or stepson.] No person may marry such  
21 person's parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, parent's  
22 sibling, sibling's child, stepparent or stepchild. Any marriage within  
23 these degrees is void.

24 Sec. 3. Section 45a-727a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
25 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

26 The General Assembly finds that:

27 (1) The best interests of a child are promoted by having persons in  
28 the child's life who manifest a deep concern for the child's growth and  
29 development;

30 (2) The best interests of a child are promoted when a child has as  
31 many persons loving and caring for the child as possible; and

32 (3) The best interests of a child are promoted when the child is part  
33 of a loving, supportive and stable family, whether that family is a  
34 nuclear, extended, split, blended, single parent, adoptive or foster  
35 family. [; and]

36 [(4) It is further found that the current public policy of the state of  
37 Connecticut is now limited to a marriage between a man and a  
38 woman.]

39 Sec. 4. Section 46a-81r of the general statutes is repealed and the  
40 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

41 Nothing in sections 4a-60a, 45a-726a, 46a-51, 46a-54, 46a-56, 46a-63,  
42 46a-64b, 46a-65, 46a-67, 46a-68b, and 46a-81a to 46a-81q, inclusive,  
43 subsection (d) of section 46a-82, subsection (a) of section 46a-83, and  
44 sections 46a-86, 46a-89, 46a-90a, 46a-98, 46a-98a and 46a-99 shall be  
45 deemed or construed (1) to mean the state of Connecticut condones

46 homosexuality or bisexuality or any equivalent lifestyle, (2) to  
 47 authorize the promotion of homosexuality or bisexuality in  
 48 educational institutions or require the teaching in educational  
 49 institutions of homosexuality or bisexuality as an acceptable lifestyle,  
 50 (3) to authorize or permit the use of numerical goals or quotas, or other  
 51 types of affirmative action programs, with respect to homosexuality or  
 52 bisexuality in the administration or enforcement of the provisions of  
 53 sections 4a-60a, 45a-726a, 46a-51, 46a-54, 46a-56, 46a-63, 46a-64b, 46a-  
 54 65, 46a-67, 46a-68b, and 46a-81a to 46a-81q, inclusive, subsection (d) of  
 55 section 46a-82, subsection (a) of section 46a-83, and sections 46a-86,  
 56 46a-89, 46a-90a, 46a-98, 46a-98a and 46a-99, [(4) to authorize the  
 57 recognition of or the right of marriage between persons of the same  
 58 sex, or (5)] or (4) to establish sexual orientation as a specific and  
 59 separate cultural classification in society.

60 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) Wherever in the general  
 61 statutes the term "husband", "wife", "groom", "bride", "widow" or  
 62 "widower" is used, such term shall be deemed to include one partner  
 63 to a marriage between two persons of the same sex.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	46b-25
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	46b-21
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	45a-727a
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	46a-81r
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To authorize persons of the same sex to enter into 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.]*