



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 323**

LCO No. 1883

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN MARRIAGES  
AND CIVIL UNIONS.***

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 Section 46b-22a of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 (a) All marriages celebrated before [June 7, 2006] the effective date  
4 of this section, otherwise valid except that the justice of the peace  
5 joining such persons in marriage did not have a valid certificate of  
6 qualification, are validated, provided the justice of the peace who  
7 joined such persons in marriage represented himself or herself to be a  
8 duly qualified justice of the peace and such persons reasonably relied  
9 upon such representation.

10 (b) All marriages celebrated on or after January 1, 2006, and before  
11 the effective date of this section, otherwise valid except that the term of  
12 office as justice of the peace of the person joining such persons in  
13 marriage had expired, are validated, provided the person who joined  
14 such persons in marriage represented himself or herself to be a duly  
15 qualified justice of the peace and such persons reasonably relied upon

16 such representation.

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 Section 46b-24a of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

19 All marriages celebrated before [June 7, 2006] the effective date of  
20 this section, otherwise valid except that the license for any such  
21 marriage was issued in a town other than the town in this state in  
22 which such marriage was celebrated [,] or [where] in which either  
23 party to the marriage resided at the time [of the marriage license] the  
24 application for such license was made, are validated.

25 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) All civil unions celebrated  
26 before the effective date of this section, otherwise valid except that the  
27 justice of the peace joining such persons in such civil union did not  
28 have a valid certificate of qualification, are validated, provided the  
29 justice of the peace who joined such persons in such civil union  
30 represented himself or herself to be a duly qualified justice of the peace  
31 and such persons reasonably relied upon such representation.

32 (b) All civil unions celebrated on or after January 1, 2006, and before  
33 the effective date of this section, otherwise valid except that the term of  
34 office as justice of the peace of the person joining such persons in such  
35 civil union had expired, are validated, provided the person who joined  
36 such persons in such civil union represented himself or herself to be a  
37 duly qualified justice of the peace and such persons reasonably relied  
38 upon such representation.

39 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) All civil unions celebrated  
40 before the effective date of this section, otherwise valid except that the  
41 license for any such civil union was issued in a town other than the  
42 town in this state in which such civil union was celebrated or in which  
43 either party to the civil union resided at the time the application for  
44 such license was made, are validated.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	46b-22a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	46b-24a
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To validate the celebration of certain marriages and civil unions.

*[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.]*