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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 Section 46b-22a of the general statutes is repealed and the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 Section 46b-24a of the general statutes is repealed and the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

JUD *Joint Favorable*