



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 525**

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Senate Bill No. 333

*Senate, April 13, 2010*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. MCDONALD of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***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 Section 46b-22a of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 All marriages celebrated before [June 7, 2006] the effective date of  
4 this section, otherwise valid except that the justice of the peace joining  
5 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 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 Section 46b-24a of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 before [June 7, 2006] the effective date of

13 this section, otherwise valid except that the license for any such  
 14 marriage was issued in a town other than the town in this state in  
 15 which such marriage was celebrated [,] or [where] in which either  
 16 party to the marriage resided at the time [of the marriage license] the  
 17 application for such license was made, are validated.

18 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) All civil unions celebrated before  
 19 the effective date of this section, otherwise valid except that the justice  
 20 of the peace joining such persons in such civil union did not have a  
 21 valid certificate of qualification, are validated, provided the justice of  
 22 the peace who joined such persons in such civil union represented  
 23 himself or herself to be a duly qualified justice of the peace and such  
 24 persons reasonably relied upon such representation.

25 (b) All civil unions celebrated before the effective date of this  
 26 section, otherwise valid except that the license for any such civil union  
 27 was issued in a town other than the town in this state in which such  
 28 civil union was celebrated or in which either party to the civil union  
 29 resided at the time the application for such license was made, are  
 30 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

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

No fiscal impact will result from enactment of this bill, which validates certain marriages and civil unions.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 333*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN MARRIAGES AND CIVIL UNIONS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill validates marriages and civil unions celebrated before the bill's effective date that would be valid except:

1. (a) the justice of the peace who performed the ceremony did not have a valid certificate but held himself or herself out as qualified and (b) the couple reasonably relied on his or her representation or
2. the marriage or civil union license was issued in a town (a) other than the one in which the ceremony was held or (b) where neither of the celebrants resided when they filed their license application.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 42 Nay 0 (03/29/2010)