



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 335**

LCO No. 1676

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 46b-22 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2010*):

4 (a) Persons authorized to solemnize marriages in this state include  
5 (1) all judges and retired judges, either elected or appointed, including  
6 federal judges and judges of other states who may legally join persons  
7 in marriage in their jurisdictions, (2) family support magistrates, state  
8 referees and justices of the peace who are appointed in [Connecticut]  
9 this state, (3) justices of the peace of another state who may legally join  
10 persons in marriage in their jurisdiction, provided such other state  
11 authorizes justices of the peace appointed in this state to legally join  
12 persons in marriage in such other state, and [(3)] (4) all ordained or  
13 licensed members of the clergy, belonging to this state or any other  
14 state, as long as they continue in the work of the ministry. All  
15 marriages solemnized according to the forms and usages of any  
16 religious denomination in this state, including marriages witnessed by

17 a duly constituted Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is, are valid. All  
18 marriages attempted to be celebrated by any other person are void.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	46b-22(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To authorize a justice of the peace from another state to perform a marriage ceremony in this state if justices of the peace from this state may perform a marriage ceremony in that other state.

*[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.]*