



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 991***

LCO No. 3201



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S  
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO  
SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES.***

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  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, 2015*):

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 and (3) all ordained or licensed members of the clergy, belonging to  
10 this state or any other state, [, as long as they continue in the work of  
11 the ministry.] All marriages solemnized according to the forms and  
12 usages of any religious denomination in this state, including marriages  
13 witnessed by a duly constituted Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is, are  
14 valid. All marriages attempted to be celebrated by any other person

15 are void.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	46b-22(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To implement the Department of Public Health's recommendations regarding persons authorized to solemnize marriages.

*[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.]*