

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2147

Session of
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INTRODUCED BY RASCO, BURD, STEWART, MRKONIC, KOLTER, DUFFY,
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PETRARCA, PISTELLA, JOHNSON, HONAMAN, McINTYRE AND ITKIN,
DECEMBER 16, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, DECEMBER 16, 1981

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 22, 1953 (P.L.1344, No.383), entitled
2 "An act relating to marriage; and amending, revising,
3 consolidating and changing the law relating thereto," further
4 providing for persons qualified to solemnize marriages.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 13, act of August 22, 1953 (P.L.1344,
8 No.383), known as "The Marriage Law," amended October 18, 1975
9 (P.L.410, No.114), is amended to read:

10 Section 13. Persons Qualified to Solemnize Marriages.--The
11 chief justice and each justice of the Supreme Court, the
12 president judge and each judge of the Superior Court, the
13 president judge and each judge of the Commonwealth Court, the
14 president judge and each judge of the court of common pleas
15 court, the president judge and each judge of the orphans' court,
16 the president judge and each judge of the Allegheny County and
17 the Philadelphia Municipal Court, judges and full-time

1 magistrates of the District Courts of the United States for the
2 Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Pennsylvania and each
3 judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third
4 Circuit who is a resident of Pennsylvania, each magistrate,
5 alderman, justice of the peace, mayor of any city, [and burgess
6 of] or any borough of this Commonwealth or the chief executive
7 officer of a home rule municipality except those which were
8 formerly counties, and each minister, priest or rabbi of any
9 regularly established church or congregation, is hereby
10 authorized to solemnize marriages between such persons as
11 produce a marriage license issued by the clerk of the orphans'
12 court.

13 Every religious society, religious institution or religious
14 organization in this Commonwealth may join together in marriage
15 such persons as are members of the said society, institution or
16 organization, or when one of such persons is a member of such
17 society, institution or organization, according to the rules and
18 customs of the society, institution or organization to which
19 either of them belong.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.