

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1215 Session of
1987

INTRODUCED BY WOGAN, MAIALE, HOWLETT, KOSINSKI, PERZEL, TRUMAN,
DONATUCCI, J. TAYLOR, KENNEY AND O'BRIEN, APRIL 29, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 29, 1987

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,"
4 providing that judges of the Philadelphia Traffic Court may
5 solemnize marriages.

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

8 Section 1. Section 13 of the act of August 22, 1953
9 (P.L.1344, No.383), known as The Marriage Law, amended October
10 18, 1975 (P.L.410, No.114), is amended to read:

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

1 Courts of the United States for the Eastern, Middle and Western
2 Districts of Pennsylvania and each judge of the United States
3 Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit who is a resident of
4 Pennsylvania, each magistrate, alderman, justice of the peace,
5 mayor of any city, and burgess of any borough of this
6 Commonwealth, and each minister, priest or rabbi of any
7 regularly established church or congregation, is hereby
8 authorized to solemnize marriages between such persons as
9 produce a marriage license issued by the clerk of the orphans'
10 court.

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

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.