

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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MICOZZIE, STISH, SAYLOR, SCHRODER AND HENNESSEY, MAY 8, 1996

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MAY 8, 1996

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, defining "marriage"; and adding  
3 provisions relating to same sex marriages.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1102 of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:  
8 § 1102. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this part shall  
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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13 "Marriage." A civil contract by which one man and one woman  
14 take each other for husband and wife.

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16 Section 2. Title 23 is amended by adding a section to read:

1   § 1704. Marriage between persons of the same sex.

2       It is hereby declared to be the strong and longstanding  
3   public policy of this Commonwealth that marriage shall be  
4   between one man and one woman. A marriage between persons of the  
5   same sex, which was entered into in another state or foreign  
6   jurisdiction, even if valid where entered into, shall be void in  
7   this Commonwealth.

8       Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.