

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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 FEBRUARY 16, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 16, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
 2 Consolidated Statutes, in marriage, adding a definition; and
 3 providing for civil unions.

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:

12 "Civil union." A union between two adults of the same sex.

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14 Section 2. Title 23 is amended by adding a section to read:
 15 § 1103.1. Civil unions.

1 All of the rights, protections and duties created by the
2 Commonwealth that are applicable to a marriage shall apply to a
3 civil union, unless the General Assembly expressly states
4 otherwise.

5 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.