

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0261

Common law marriages.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Esquibel, Diercks and Walsh and Senator(s) Job

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to marriage; providing for recognition of
2 common law marriages; and providing for an effective date.

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4 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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6 **Section 1.** W.S. 20-1-114 is created to read:

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8 **20-1-114. Validity of common law marriage.**

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10 A common law marriage between one (1) man and one (1)
11 woman, created by consenting parties through a mutual
12 assumption of marital rights, duties and obligations shall
13 be recognized as a valid marriage under this chapter.

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15 **Section 2.** W.S. 20-1-103 by creating a new subsection

16 (d) is amended to read:

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20-1-103. License; required.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to repeal or render invalid any otherwise valid common law marriage between one (1) man and one (1) woman.

Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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