

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0074

Validity of marriages.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Petersen, Brechtel,
Buchanan, Gay, Hunt, Kroeker, Lubnau and
Teeters and Senator(s) Geis, Hicks and
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to marriage; providing that marriages other
2 than of a male and a female person are void; providing that
3 marriages between more than two parties are void;
4 specifying that Wyoming courts do not have jurisdiction
5 over any domestic legal union involving parties who are not
6 a male and a female person or where there are more than two
7 parties to the contract; and providing for an effective
8 date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 20-1-111 and 20-2-101(a) by creating
13 new paragraphs (iv) and (v) and by creating a new
14 subsection (h) are amended to read:

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1 **20-1-111. Foreign marriages.**

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3 All marriage contracts which are valid by the laws of the
4 state or country in which contracted are valid in this
5 state, provided that such marriage contracts are between a
6 male and a female person.

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8 **20-2-101. Void and voidable marriages defined;**
9 **annulments.**

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11 (a) Marriages contracted in Wyoming are void without
12 any decree of divorce:

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14 (iv) When the parties are not a male and a
15 female person; or

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17 (v) When there are more than two (2) parties to
18 the contract.

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20 (h) No Wyoming court shall have jurisdiction over any
21 domestic legal union or relationship, titled marriage or
22 otherwise, involving parties who are not a male and a
23 female person or when there are more than two (2) parties
24 to the contract.

