

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0074

Validity of marriages.

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

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; providing
4 that marriages and domestic civil unions which would be
5 void if contracted in Wyoming shall not be given effect in
6 Wyoming; and providing for an effective date.

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

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

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14 **20-1-111. Out of state marriages.**

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1 (a) All marriage contracts which are valid ~~by the~~
2 ~~laws of the country~~ under the authority of the foreign
3 nation in which contracted are valid in this state,
4 provided that such marriage contracts are between a male
5 and a female person.

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7 (b) All marriage contracts which are valid under the
8 authority of a state, commonwealth, territory, district or
9 possession of the United States are valid in this state
10 provided that such marriage contracts are between a male
11 and a female person.

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13 **20-2-101. Void and voidable marriages defined;**
14 **annulments.**

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16 (a) Marriages contracted in Wyoming are void without
17 any decree of divorce:

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19 (iv) When the parties are not a male and a
20 female person; or

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22 (v) When there are more than two (2) parties to
23 the contract.

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1 (h) A party to a domestic civil union or marriage
2 which would be void under subsection (a) of this section if
3 contracted as a marriage in Wyoming, shall not be entitled
4 to the legal obligations, responsibilities, protections or
5 benefits afforded or recognized by the law of Wyoming to
6 married persons and spouses, whether they derive from
7 statute, administrative rule, policy, common law or any
8 other source of civil or criminal law.

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10 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
11 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
12 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
13 Constitution.

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