

1 (2) Any religious society not having clergy but providing
2 solemnization in accordance with the rules and customs
3 of that society[~~,-or-any~~];

4 (3) Any justice or judge or magistrate, active or retired,
5 of a state or federal court in the State upon
6 presentation to such person or society of a license to
7 marry, as prescribed by this chapter. Such person or
8 society may receive the price stipulated by the
9 parties or the gratification tendered[~~-~~]; or

10 (4) Any civil celebrant;

11 upon presentation to such person or society of a license to
12 marry, as prescribed by this chapter. Such person or society
13 may receive the price stipulated by the parties or the
14 gratification tendered.

15 (b) As used in this section, "civil celebrant" means a
16 person of a secular or non-religious organization who performs
17 marriage ceremonies."

18 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Secular marriage solemnization.

Description:

Authorizes issuance of licenses to solemnize marriages for persons of a secular or non-religious organization.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH.

PURPOSE: Authorize civil celebrants with no religious affiliation to solemnize marriages.

MEANS: Amend section 321-223, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: Current state law restricts marriage solemnization to individuals with religious affiliations. Active or retired judges are also authorized, but other secular officiants are not allowed. Authorizing "civil celebrants" with no religious affiliation to solemnize marriage would expand options for marriage.

Impact on the public: Expand options for marriage officiation.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
N/A.

GENERAL FUND: N/A.

OTHER FUNDS: N/A.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: HTH-907.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: N/A.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.