
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. This Act amends existing law to create a
2 category of "civil celebrants" that allows secular practitioners
3 to solemnize marriage in this State, thereby ensuring equal
4 treatment between religious and secular practitioners in regard
5 to the rite of marriage.

6 SECTION 2. Section 572-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "**§572-12 By whom solemnized.** (a) A license to solemnize
9 marriages may be issued to, and the marriage rite may be
10 performed and solemnized by any:

11 (1) [~~minister,~~] Minister, priest, or officer of any
12 religious denomination or society who has been
13 ordained or is authorized to solemnize marriages
14 according to the usages of such denomination or
15 society [~~, or any~~];



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

4 (3) [~~justice~~] Justice, [~~or~~] judge, or magistrate, active
5 or retired, of a state or federal court in the
6 State [~~,~~]; or

7 (4) Any civil celebrant;

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

12 (b) As used in this section, "civil celebrant" means a
13 person of a secular or non-religious organization who has
14 received the consent of the parties to be married."

15 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Secular Marriage Solemnization

Description:

Authorizes issuance of licenses to solemnize marriages for persons of a secular or non-religious organization. (SD1)

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.

