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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MARRIAGE LICENSES.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 211, Session  
2 Laws of Hawaii 2021, authorized the issuance of a civil license  
3 to solemnize marriages. Prior to enactment, only individuals  
4 with religious affiliations or judicial appointments could  
5 obtain a license to solemnize marriages.

6       Act 211, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, also established fees  
7 for a civil license to solemnize marriages, the intent of which  
8 was to enhance general revenues from approximately twenty  
9 thousand marriages per year, two-thirds of which are for out-of-  
10 state and international couples. However, there are no fees for  
11 licenses to solemnize marriages applicable to religious and  
12 judicial marriage solemnizers.

13       The purpose of this Act is to repeal wording related to  
14 fees to assure equity among religious, judicial, and civil  
15 performers.

16       SECTION 2. Section 572-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:



1       "(b) A civil license to solemnize marriages may be issued  
2 to, and the marriage rite may be performed and solemnized by,  
3 any individual at least eighteen years of age, upon presentation  
4 to the individual of a license to marry, as prescribed by this  
5 chapter. An individual with a civil license to solemnize a  
6 marriage may receive the price stipulated by the parties or any  
7 gratuity tendered. ~~[The civil license shall be valid for no~~  
8 ~~less than two years from the date of its issuance; provided that~~  
9 ~~a temporary three month civil license may be issued upon an~~  
10 ~~individual's request. The fee for a civil license shall be \$100~~  
11 ~~per year the permit is valid; provided that the fee for a~~  
12 ~~temporary three month license shall be \$25.]~~ An individual who  
13 performs a solemnization of a marriage pursuant to a civil  
14 license issued under this subsection shall obtain the prior  
15 written consent of each person for whom a solemnization is  
16 performed and fulfill all provisions of sections 572-13 and  
17 572-15 applicable to persons authorized to solemnize marriages."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

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



**Report Title:**

Marriage; License to Solemnize; Repeal Fees

**Description:**

Repeals fees related to obtaining a license to solemnize civil marriage ceremonies to conform to requirements of religious and judicial marriage performers. (SD1)

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