
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSES TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES.

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 (Act 211), authorized the issuance of a
3 civil license to solemnize marriages. Prior to enactment, only
4 individuals with religious affiliations or judicial appointments
5 could obtain a license to solemnize marriages.

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

12 The purpose of this Act is to:

13 (1) Establish standard and short-term licenses and license
14 fees to solemnize marriages; and

15 (2) Specify in what amount and to which fund license fees
16 shall be deposited.



1 SECTION 2. Section 572-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"§572-11 Marriage ceremony; license to solemnize[-]; fees.**

4 (a) It shall [~~not~~] be [~~lawful~~] unlawful for any person to
5 perform [~~the~~] a marriage ceremony within the State without first
6 obtaining from the department of health a license to solemnize
7 marriages. A standard license to solemnize marriages shall be
8 valid for one year from the date of issuance. A short-term
9 license to solemnize marriages shall be valid for sixty days
10 from the date of issuance.

11 (b) The fee for a standard license to solemnize marriages
12 shall be \$100 per year. The fee for a short-term license to
13 solemnize marriages shall be \$25 per sixty-day period. All fees
14 received for the issuance of licenses to solemnize marriages
15 shall be remitted to the director of health. Upon receipt of a
16 fee for a license under this section, the director shall
17 deposit:

18 (1) For standard licenses, \$75 to the vital statistics
19 improvement special fund established under section
20 338-14.6, and \$25 to the general fund; and



1 (2) For short-term licenses, \$20 to the vital statistics
2 improvement special fund established under section
3 338-14.6, and \$5 to the general fund."

4 SECTION 3. Section 572-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

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



1 performed and fulfill all provisions of sections 572-13 and
2 572-15 applicable to persons authorized to solemnize marriages."

3 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



Report Title:

Licenses to Solemnize Marriages; Fees

Description:

Establishes a standard license to solemnize marriages, valid for one year from the date of issuance. Establishes a short-term license to solemnize marriages, valid for sixty days from the date of issuance. Establishes a fee of \$100 per year for the issuance of a standard license. Establishes a fee of \$25 per sixty-day period for a short-term license. Specifies in what amount and to which fund license fees shall be deposited. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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