

**ACT 35**

**H. B. 336.**

**A Bill for an Act Relating to Marriage and Repealing Section 323-8, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955.**

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

**SECTION 1.** This Act is hereby declared to be an urgency measure deemed necessary in the public interest within the meaning of section 11 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

The following is a statement of the facts constituting such urgency:

As Hawaii becomes an "increasingly favored place in which to get married," the laws relating to marriage come under close scrutiny. Section 323-8,

Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, requires a divorced person to produce the original or a certified copy of every prior divorce decree to qualify for a marriage license. Relief is possible through a petition to a circuit judge. The department of health, which administers the marriage licensing laws, and the family court, which hears the petitions for relief from this law, both agree that the law serves no useful purpose and should be repealed. The removal of a useless regulation is always an urgent matter. Additionally, the result will be to reduce the workload at both the marriage license bureau and the family court, which reflects upon budgetary considerations. It is urgent and in the public interest to repeal section 323-8.

SECTION 2. Section 323-8, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, is repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
(Approved May 7, 1968.)