

CHAPTER 233

CHILDREN AND DOMESTIC MATTERS

HOUSE BILL 00-1249

BY REPRESENTATIVE Paschall, Alexander, Clapp, Dean, Decker, Fairbank, Hefley, King, Lee, May, McKay, Mitchell, Scott, Sinclair, Witwer, Lawrence, Nuñez, Piffner, and Spence;
also SENATORS Andrews, Congrove, Evans, Hillman, Teck, Arnold, Lamborn, Musgrave, Powers, and Sullivant.

AN ACT

CONCERNING STRENGTHENING OF THE MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 14-2-104, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

14-2-104. Formalities. (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, a marriage ~~between a man and a woman licensed, solemnized, and registered as provided in this part 1~~ is valid in this state IF:

(a) IT IS LICENSED, SOLEMNIZED, AND REGISTERED AS PROVIDED IN THIS PART 1;
AND

(b) IT IS ONLY BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 14-2-112, ANY MARRIAGE CONTRACTED WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THIS STATE THAT DOES NOT SATISFY PARAGRAPH (b) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE RECOGNIZED AS VALID IN THIS STATE.

(3) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEEMED TO REPEAL OR RENDER INVALID ANY OTHERWISE VALID COMMON LAW MARRIAGE BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 26, 2000