

BY: Delegate Bates

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 746
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, before "Marriage" insert "Family Law -"; in the same line, strike "Ceremonies - Authorized Officials -" and substitute "- Validity and"; in line 3, after "of" insert "providing that a marriage between two individuals of the same sex that is validly entered into in another state or in a foreign country is not valid in this State; declaring that marriages between individuals of the same sex are against the public policy of this State;"; in line 7, after "issued;" insert "altering the definition of a "foreign marriage" to provide that the term includes a marriage ceremony between a man and woman;"; in the same line, after "to" insert "the validity of"; in the same line, after "marriage" insert "in this State and fees charged for marriage"; in the same line, after "judges" insert "and clerks"; in line 10, after "Section" insert "2-201,"; in the same line, strike the first "and" and substitute a comma; and in the same line, after "and (6)" insert ", and 2-502(a)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 15, insert:

"2-201.

(A) Only a marriage between a man and a woman is valid in this State.

(B) A MARRIAGE BETWEEN TWO INDIVIDUALS OF THE SAME SEX THAT IS VALIDLY ENTERED INTO IN ANOTHER STATE OR IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY IS NOT VALID IN THIS STATE.

(C) MARRIAGES BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS OF THE SAME SEX ARE AGAINST THE PUBLIC POLICY OF THIS STATE."

On page 3, after line 5, insert:

(Over)

“2-502.

(a) In this section, “foreign marriage” means a marriage ceremony:

(1) performed outside this State; [and]

(2) BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN; AND

[(2)] (3) in which 1 or both of the parties were or are citizens of this State.”.