

SENATE BILL 852

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By: **Senators Stone, Colburn, DeGrange, Dyson, Haines, Jacobs, Mooney,
Muse, Peters, and Simonaire**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Same Sex Marriages – Foreign Jurisdictions – Invalidity**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that a marriage between two individuals of the same sex
4 that is validly entered into in another state or in a foreign country is not valid in
5 this State; altering the definition of a “foreign marriage” to provide that the
6 term includes a marriage ceremony between a man and woman; and generally
7 relating to the validity of same sex marriages in the State.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Family Law
10 Section 2–201 and 2–502(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Family Law**

16 2–201.

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

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

21 2–502.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) performed outside this State; [and]
2 **(2) BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN; AND**
3 **[(2)] (3)** in which 1 or both of the parties were or are citizens of this
4 State.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2010.