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MARRIAGE MODIFICATIONS

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jacob L. Anderegg

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill affirms a clergy member's religious freedom to act within the confines of the member's religious organization.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- recognizes the fundamental right of religious liberty; and
- affirms that a member of the clergy is not required to solemnize a marriage that violates the member's religious belief system.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides an immediate effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

30-1-6.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **30-1-6.5** is enacted to read:

30-1-6.5. When clergy not required to solemnize marriage.

A member of the clergy, as described in Subsection 30-1-6(1)(a) or (b), is not required

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and may not be compelled to solemnize a marriage when doing so would violate the member's, or the member's religious organization's, religious beliefs, tenets, doctrine, practices, or the member's fundamental right to religious liberty.

Section 2. **Effective date.**

If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.

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