

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0026

Solemnization of marriage.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Barlow and Baker and
Senator(s) Dockstader

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to domestic relations; providing that
2 religious officials shall not be required to perform a
3 marriage ceremony; and providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 20-1-106(a) is amended to read:

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9 **20-1-106. Who may solemnize marriage; religious**
10 **ceremony may not be compelled; form of ceremony.**

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12 (a) Every district or circuit court judge, district
13 court commissioner, supreme court justice, magistrate and
14 every licensed or ordained minister of the gospel, bishop,
15 priest or rabbi, or other qualified person acting in

1 accordance with the traditions or rites for the
2 solemnization of marriage of any religion, denomination or
3 religious society, may perform the ceremony of marriage in
4 this state. However, no licensed or ordained minister of
5 the gospel, bishop, priest or rabbi, or other qualified
6 person acting in accordance with the traditions or rites
7 for the solemnization of marriage of any religion,
8 denomination or religious society shall be required or
9 otherwise compelled to perform a ceremony of marriage in
10 this state.

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12 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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