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HB0087, Marriage definition.

Sponsors: Representative(s) Connolly, Gingery, Petroff, Throne and Zwonitzer, Dn. and
Senator(s) Craft and Rothfuss

Comments

A flawed bill, in that it does not amend WS 20-2-101 (a) (iii). And why limit marriage to two people? But it would be better to simply get the government out of the business of regulating marriage entirely.

N: No significant fiscal or personnel impact. Changes the definition of marriage as being a civil contract between two natural persons rather than the original definition of it being between a male and a female. Since marriage is already recognized as a civil contract in Wyoming, it is appropriate that it be available to all combinations of persons. Where it does not go far enough is in limiting this civil contract to only two persons—it should have said "two or more persons." Due to conservative sensibilities and the fact that government has unduly usurped the roll of the church in this arena, a better approach would have been to define "marriage" as any form of civil union recognized by a church or group of persons in philosophical accord. "Civil union" would then be defined as being a civil contract between two or more natural persons...

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