

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0184

Defense of Marriage Act.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Anderson, R., Alden, Brechtel and Gay and Senator(s) Anderson, J. and Geis

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to domestic relations; creating an
2 exception to the provision that all marriages validly
3 contracted outside of this state are valid in Wyoming;
4 providing that marriages between persons of the same sex
5 are void; and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 20-1-111 and 20-2-101(a) by creating
10 a new paragraph (iv) are amended to read:

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12 **20-1-111. Foreign marriages.**

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14 All marriage contracts which are valid by the laws of the
15 state or country in which contracted are valid in this

1 state, except marriages when the persons are of the same
2 sex.

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4 **20-2-101. Void and voidable marriages defined;**
5 **annulments.**

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7 (a) Marriages contracted in Wyoming are void without
8 any decree of divorce:

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10 (iv) When the persons are of the same sex.

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12 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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14 (END)