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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend An Act To establish a code of law for the District of Columbia to eliminate provisions voiding marriages between lunatics, idiots, and those physically incapable of entering into the married state, and to provide that a marriage may be voided because of a person being unable by reason of mental incapacity to give valid consent to the marriage; and to amend An Act To require premarital examinations in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes to repeal the requirement of a premarital blood test and to make conforming amendments reflecting the repeal of that requirement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Marriage Amendment Act of 2008”.

Sec. 2. Section 1285 of An Act To establish a code of law for the District of Columbia, approved March 3, 1901 (31 Stat. 1391; D.C. Official Code § 46-403), is amended as follows:

Amend
§ 46-403

(a) Paragraph (1) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) The marriage of a person adjudged to be, or to have been at the time a marriage was performed, unable by reason of mental incapacity to give valid consent to marriage;”.

(b) Paragraph (3) is repealed.

Sec. 3. An Act To require premarital examinations in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, approved October 15, 1966 (80 Stat. 959; D.C. Official Code § 46-417 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code § 46-417) is repealed.

Repeal
§ 46-417

(b) Section 3 (D.C. Official Code § 46-418) is amended by striking the phrase “section 2 of this Act and”.

Amend
§ 46-418

(c) Section 4 (D.C. Official Code § 46-419) is repealed.

Repeal
§ 46-419

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the April 1, 2008 fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia