

1 S.256

2 Introduced by Senator Campbell of Windsor

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; marriage records and licenses; persons authorized to

6 solemnize marriage; application to a Judicial Bureau hearing officer

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit a

8 Judicial Bureau hearing officer to solemnize a marriage.

9 An act relating to the solemnization of a marriage by a Judicial Bureau
10 hearing officer

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 5144 is amended to read:

13 § 5144. PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE

14 (a) Marriages may be solemnized by a ~~supreme court justice~~ Supreme
15 Court Justice, a ~~superior~~ Superior judge, a judge of ~~probate~~ Probate, an
16 assistant judge, a justice of the peace, a magistrate, a Judicial Bureau hearing
17 officer, an individual who has registered as an officiant with the Vermont
18 ~~secretary of state~~ Secretary of State pursuant to section 5144a of this title, a
19 member of the clergy residing in this ~~state~~ State and ordained or licensed, or
20 otherwise regularly authorized thereunto by the published laws or discipline of

1 the general conference, convention, or other authority of his or her faith or
2 denomination, or by such a clergy person residing in an adjoining state or
3 country, whose parish, church, temple, mosque, or other religious organization
4 lies wholly or in part in this ~~state~~ State, or by a member of the clergy residing
5 in some other state of the United States or in the Dominion of Canada,
6 provided he or she has first secured from the ~~probate division of the superior~~
7 ~~court~~ Probate Division of the Superior Court in the unit within which the
8 marriage is to be solemnized a special authorization, authorizing him or her to
9 certify the marriage if the ~~probate~~ Probate judge determines that the
10 circumstances make the special authorization desirable. Marriage among the
11 Friends or Quakers, the Christadelphian Ecclesia, and the Baha'i Faith may be
12 solemnized in the manner heretofore used in such societies.

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14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.