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Bill 31

(Chapter 20 of the Statutes of Ontario, 2025)

An Act to amend the Marriage Act

Co-sponsors:

Mr. M. Rae

Mr. D. Smith

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3rd Reading December 4, 2025

Royal Assent December 11, 2025



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His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1 (1) Subsection 24 (1) of the *Marriage Act* is amended by adding the following paragraph:

3.1 A member of the Assembly who has given written notice to the Minister indicating an interest in solemnizing marriages.

(2) Section 24 of the Act is amended by adding the following subsection:

Same

(2) Subsection (1) continues to apply to a person described in paragraph 3.1 of that subsection for a period of 12 months after the day the person ceases to be a member of the Assembly.

Commencement

2 This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Short title

3 The short title of this Act is the *Marriage Amendment Act, 2025*.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This Explanatory Note was written as a reader's aid to Bill 31 and does not form part of the law.
Bill 31 has been enacted as Chapter 20 of the Statutes of Ontario, 2025.*

The Bill amends the *Marriage Act* to authorize a member of the Assembly to solemnize marriages under the authority of a licence if they have given written notice to the Minister. The authorization would last for a period of 12 months after the day the person ceases to be a member of the Assembly.