

AS AMENDED IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

A BILL

entitled

HUMAN RIGHTS AMENDMENT BILL 2016

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Human Rights Act 1981, to preserve the institution of marriage;

Be it enacted by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Assembly of Bermuda, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Citation

1 This Act may be cited as the Human Rights Amendment Bill 2016.

Amends section 2

2 In section 2 of the Human Rights Act 1981, at the end insert—

“(5) Nothing in this section shall be taken to override the provisions of section 15(c) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1974 (which provides that a marriage is void unless the parties are respectively male and female).”

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Human Rights Act 1981, to preserve the institution of marriage.

Clause 1 provides the title of the Bill.

Clause 2 amends section 2 of the Human Rights Act 1981 by adding new subsection (5) to provide that nothing in section 2 (which sets out in subsection (2) the circumstances in which a person is deemed to discriminate against another person) shall be taken to override the provisions of section 15(c) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1974 (which provides that a marriage is void unless the parties are respectively male and female).