COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE

D.C. LAW 4-60

"Persons Authorized to Perform Marriages Act of 1981".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 4-251 on first and second readings, September 15, 1981 and September 29, 1981, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on October 30, 1981, this legislation was assigned Act No. 4-106, published in the November 6, 1981 edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 28 page 4768) and transmitted to Congress on November 2, 1981 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602 (c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 4-60, effective January 26, 1982.

ARRINGTON DIXON
Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

November 2,3,4,5,6,9,10,12,13,16,17,18,19,20,23,24,30

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend the law relating to persons authorized to perform marriages.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
That this act may be cited as the "Persons Authorized
to Perform Marriages Act of 1981".

Sec. 2. Section 1288 of An Act To establish a code of law for the District of Columbia, approved March 3, 1901 (31 Stat. 1392; D.C. Code, sec. 30-106) is amended to read as follows:

CODIFICATION
D.C.Code,
sec. 30-106
(1973 ed.)

"Sec. 1288(a) For the purposes of this section, the term:

- "(1) 'religious' includes or pertains to a belief in a theological doctrine, a belief in and worship of a divine ruling power, a recognition of a supernatural power controlling man's destiny, or a devotion to some principle, strict fidelity or faithfulness, conscientiousness, pious affection, or attachment.
- "(2) 'society' means a voluntary association of individuals for religious purposes.

- "(b) For the purpose of preserving the evidence of marriages in the District of Columbia, every minister of any religious society approved or ordained according to the ceremonies of his religious society, whether his residence is in the District of Columbia or elsewhere in the United States or the Territories, may be authorized by any judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to celebrate marriages in the District of Columbia. Marriages may also be performed by any judge or justice of any court of record: PROVIDED, That marriages of any religious society which does not by its custom require the intervention of a minister for the celebration of marriages may be solemnized in the manner presecribed and practiced in any such religious society, the license in such case to be issued to, and returns to be made by, a person appointed by such religious society for that purpose. The clerk of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia or such deputy clerks of the court as may, in writing, be designated by the clerk and approved by the chief judge, may celebrate marriages in the District of Columbia.".
 - Sec. 3. This act shall take effect after a thirty (30)-day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto) as provided in section

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602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code, sec. 1-147(c)(1).

Chairman

Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor

District of Columbia

APPROVED: October 30, 1981



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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