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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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MARRIAGE AMENDMENT ACT, 2000

MR. DOERKSEN

First Reading ..............................................................
Second Reading ...........................................................
Committee of the Whole .................................................
Third Reading .............................................................
Royal Assent ...............................................................
HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1 The Marriage Act is amended by this Act.

2 The following Preamble is added before the enacting clause:

   WHEREAS marriage is an institution the maintenance of which in its purity the public is deeply interested in; and

   WHEREAS marriage is the foundation of family and society, without which there would be neither civilization nor progress; and

   WHEREAS marriage between a man and woman has from time immemorial been firmly grounded in our legal tradition, one that is itself a reflection of long standing philosophical and religious traditions; and

   WHEREAS these principles are fundamental in considering the solemnization of marriage;

3 The enacting clause is amended by adding "THEREFORE" before "HER MAJESTY".
Explanatory Notes

1 Amends chapter M-6 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1980.

2 Preamble added.

3 Consequential to adding Preamble.
4 The following is added after section 1(c):

(c.1) “marriage” means a marriage between a man and a woman;

5 The following is added after section 1:

1.1 This Act operates notwithstanding

(a) the provisions of sections 2 and 7 to 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Part I, Constitution Act, 1982, Schedule B to the Canada Act, 1982, (U.K.) 1982 c11, and

(b) the Alberta Bill of Rights.
4 Definition of ‘marriage’ added.

5 Override of Charter.