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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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(Assented to , 1984)

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 Section 1(d) is amended by striking out "section 3" and substituting "section 3 or 3.1".

3 The following is added after section 3:

3.1(1) Subject to this section, the Director may register as a person authorized to solemnize marriage any person whose name is submitted to him by the governing authority of a religious body that has members authorized to solemnize marriage in the Province pursuant to section 3, where the governing authority states that in its opinion the person is a proper person to solemnize marriage in Alberta, whether or not the person is a member of that religious body.

(2) A registration under subsection (1) expires on December 31 of the year for which the registration is made.

(3) No person shall be registered pursuant to this section unless the religious body that has submitted the name of the person to the Director is sufficiently well established in the Province and has a sufficient number of its members authorized to solemnize marriage in the Province that, in the opinion of the Director, the recommendation by the religious body of a person who is not a member of the body fairly represents the opinion of a significant part of the religious community.

Explanatory Notes

1 This Bill will amend chapter M-6 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980.

2 Section 1(d) presently reads as follows:

(d) “member of the clergy” means a person qualified to be registered under section 3;

3 This new section permits the Director to register a person to solemnize marriage if his application is supported by an established religious body that represents a significant part of the religious community and he officiates with a congregation or operates an itinerant ministry in the Province.

(4) No person shall be registered pursuant to this section, unless it appears to the Director that

(a) the person is an adult and resident in Alberta, and

(b) the person

(i) officiates in connection with a congregation, branch or local unit in Alberta of a religious body, or

(ii) operates an itinerant ministry on a regular basis in Alberta.

In accordance with section 4(1) of the Interpretation Act, this Bill comes into force on the date it receives Royal Assent.