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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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**MARRIAGE AMENDMENT ACT, 2000**

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### MARRIAGE AMENDMENT ACT, 2000

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 2000)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the  
Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Amends RSA  
1980 cM-6

**1 The *Marriage Act* is amended by this Act.**

**2 The following Preamble is added before the enacting  
clause:**

Preamble

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:**

Override of  
Charter

**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 1, *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.