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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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**MARRIAGE (PREPARATION COURSE)
AMENDMENT ACT, 2002**

MR. YANKOWSKY

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to _____, 2002)

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

Amends RSA
2000 cM-5

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

**2 Section 13 is amended in clause (a) by striking out
“sections 14” and substituting “sections 13.1”.**

3 The following is added after section 13:

Marriage
preparation
course

13.1(1) In this section,

- (a) “certificate” means a certificate in the form prescribed by the Minister and issued by an instructor;
- (b) “instructor” means a person approved by the Minister to teach a marriage preparation course;
- (c) “marriage preparation course” means a voluntary course the content of which has been approved by the Minister.

(2) An instructor must issue a certificate to a person who has

completed a marriage preparation course.

(3) In order to be approved by the Minister, the content of a marriage preparation course must include the following:

- (a) the legal rights, responsibilities and requirements in Alberta of the parties to
 - (i) each other, and
 - (ii) their children;
- (b) conflict management;
- (c) effective communication skills;
- (d) financial responsibility;
- (e) parental responsibility; and
- (f) consequences of marriage breakdown.

(4) A marriage preparation course must be at least 6 hours in duration.

4 Section 29 is amended

(a) by repealing clause (a) and substituting the following:

- (a) prescribing the fees to be paid for marriage licences including differential fees for persons having completed a marriage preparation course;

(b) by adding the following after clause (e):

- (e.1) appointing instructors or designating a class of persons who may be instructors for marriage preparation courses;
- (e.2) approving the content of marriage preparation courses;
- (e.3) prescribing fees for marriage preparation courses;

5 This Act comes into force on Proclamation.

Explanatory Notes

1 Amends chapter M-5 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

2 Section 13 presently reads:

13 An application for a marriage licence shall be made by both parties to an intended marriage and subject to the conditions and prohibitions

(a) of sections 14 to 19, and

(b) of any other law in force in Alberta,

the issuer to whom the application is made shall issue the licence applied for.

3 Marriage preparation course.

4 Section 29 presently reads:

29 The Minister may make regulations

- (a) prescribing the fees to be paid for marriage licences;*
- (b) prescribing the forms to be used in carrying out this Act;*
- (c) prescribing the duties of, the procedures to be followed by, and the fees payable to issuers of marriage licences;*
- (d) authorizing the filing of special returns by an issuer of marriage licences in exceptional cases;*
- (e) prescribing the fee that may be charged for a marriage ceremony performed by a marriage commissioner;*
- (f) for the purpose of effectively securing the due observance of this Act, and generally for the better carrying out of its provisions and obtaining the information required by it.*

5 Coming into force.

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Explanatory Notes