

# House File 508 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act protecting religious liberty and state sovereignty
- 2 relating to marriage.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:



1 sovereignty relating to marriage.

2     The bill provides that the state of Iowa recognizes freedom  
3 of religion as an unalienable right and recognizes the  
4 institution of marriage as a sacred religious sacrament that is  
5 inextricably and fundamentally bound with free exercise of that  
6 right. The state of Iowa also recognizes the deep historical  
7 and religious roots that uniformly defined and understood  
8 marriage to be the union between one male and female.

9 Therefore, no resident of Iowa shall be compelled, coerced,  
10 or forced to recognize any same-sex unions or ceremonies as  
11 marriage, notwithstanding any laws to the contrary that may  
12 exist in other states, and no legal action, criminal or civil,  
13 shall be taken against citizens in Iowa for refusal or failure  
14 to recognize or participate in same-sex unions or ceremonies.

15     The bill also specifies reasons why the state of Iowa  
16 considers certain elements of the federal Respect for Marriage  
17 Act, Pub. L. No. 117-228, relating to the definition of  
18 marriage to be null and void ab initio and to have no effect  
19 whatsoever in Iowa.