
IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 2, 2020

Mr. WALKER (for himself, Mr. LESTER, Mr. MACINTYRE, and
Mrs. REED) introduced the following bill;

A BILL

To ensure marriage equality for different-sex and same-sex couples in the United States.

*Be it enacted by the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress
Assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This bill may be cited as the “Marriage Equality Act.”

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act—

- (1) “Spouse” refers to one partner of a legal union between any two adults.
- (2) “Adult” refers to any individual who is not a minor.
- (3) “Legal union” refers to a state-recognized union between two individuals.

SECTION 3. AMENDING OF DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE.

- (a) In General. - Section 7 of Chapter 1 of Title 1, United States Code, is amended;
- (b) By striking “only” wherever it appears;
- (c) By striking “one man and one woman as husband and wife” and inserting “any two adults as spouse and spouse”;
- (d) By striking “a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife” and inserting “any adult party to a legal union.”

SECTION 4. ENSURING NATIONWIDE RECOGNITION OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGES.

- (a) In General. - Chapter 115 of Title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking Section 1738C.

- (b) Clerical Amendment. - The table of sections at the beginning of Chapter 115, Title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking after the item referring to Section 1738B the item referring to Section 1738C.

SECTION 5. ENACTMENT.

This Act shall be enacted immediately upon its passing.