

HOUSE BILL NO. 236

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES TALERICO, Lynn, Reinbold, LeDoux, Hughes, Saddler

Introduced: 1/19/16
Referred: Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to marriage solemnization."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 *** Section 1.** AS 25.05.261 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

4 (c) Nothing in this section creates or implies a duty on a person authorized to
5 solemnize a marriage under (a)(1) or (3) of this section to

6 (1) solemnize a marriage; or

7 (2) provide services, accommodations, facilities, goods, or privileges
8 for a purpose related to the solemnization, formation, or celebration of a marriage.

9 (d) A person permitted to solemnize a marriage under (a)(1) or (3) of this
10 section is not subject to criminal or civil liability for refusing to solemnize a marriage
11 or refusing to provide services, accommodations, facilities, goods, or privileges for a
12 purpose related to the solemnization, formation, or celebration of a marriage.

13 (e) The state or a municipality may not penalize a person who is permitted to
14 solemnize a marriage under (a)(1) or (3) of this section for refusing to solemnize a
15 marriage or refusing to provide services, accommodations, facilities, goods, or

1 privileges for a purpose related to the solemnization, formation, or celebration of a
2 marriage. In this subsection, "penalize" means to take an action affecting a benefit or
3 privilege guaranteed to the person by law, including a tax exemption or state or
4 municipal contract, grant, or license.