

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 20-13.2, relating to marriage*
3 *lawful regardless of sex, gender, or race of parties; issuance of marriage license.*

4 [H 174]
5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 20-13.2 as follows:**

8 **§ 20-13.2. Marriage lawful regardless of sex, gender, or race of parties.**

9 *No person authorized by § 20-14 to issue a marriage license shall deny the issuance of such license*
10 *to two parties contemplating a lawful marriage on the basis of the sex, gender, or race of such parties.*
11 *Such lawful marriages shall be recognized in the Commonwealth regardless of the sex, gender, or race*
12 *of the parties.*

13 *Religious organizations and members of the clergy acting in their religious capacity shall have the*
14 *right to refuse to perform any marriage.*

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