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# Bill 31

## An Act to amend the Marriage Act

### Co-sponsors:

Mr. M. Rae  
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### Private Members' Bill

1st Reading      May 28, 2025

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



**An Act to amend the Marriage Act**

His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

**1 (1) Subsection 24 (1) of the *Marriage Act* is amended by adding the following paragraph:**

3.1 A member of the Assembly who has given written notice to the Minister indicating an interest in solemnizing marriages.

**(2) Section 24 of the Act is amended by adding the following subsection:****Same**

(2) Subsection (1) continues to apply to a person described in paragraph 3.1 of that subsection for a period of 12 months after the day the person ceases to be a member of the Assembly.

**Commencement**

**2 This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.**

**Short title**

**3 The short title of this Act is the *Marriage Amendment Act, 2025*.**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Bill amends the *Marriage Act* to authorize a member of the Assembly to solemnize marriages under the authority of a licence if they have given written notice to the Minister. The authorization would last for a period of 12 months after the day the person ceases to be a member of the Assembly.