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House Bill 4152

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Including House Amendments dated February 11

Sponsored by Representative WATANABE; Representatives ANDERSEN, BOWMAN, EVANS, GOMBERG, ISADORE, NOSSE, RIEKE SMITH, SMITH G, WISE, Senators FREDERICK, GELSER BLOUIN, MEEK (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act lets deployed people get married even if they cannot be there in person if certain criteria are met. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.6).

Modifies provisions regarding solemnization of marriage to permit deployed service members to be married remotely.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to remote marriage solemnization of deployed persons.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 **(a) "Armed Forces of the United States" includes the regular and reserve components**
6 **of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Space Force of the United**
7 **States and the National Guard.**

8 **(b) "Communication technology" means an electronic device or process that allows two**
9 **or more individuals who are not in the physical presence of each other to communicate si-**
10 **multaneously by sight and sound.**

11 **(c) "Judicial officer" means a judicial officer described in ORS 106.120 (1)(a)(A).**

12 **(d) "Service member" means a member of the Armed Forces of the United States.**

13 **(2) If one of the parties to an application for a marriage license is unable to submit the**
14 **application to the county clerk in person by reason of active service:**

15 **(a) The county clerk may not refuse to issue the marriage license solely because the**
16 **service member is not physically present; and**

17 **(b) The service member may sign the application electronically.**

18 **(3) Notwithstanding ORS 106.150 (1), if one of the parties to a solemnization of marriage**
19 **is a service member who is unable to be physically present at the time of solemnization by**
20 **reason of active service, the marriage may be solemnized without the service member's**
21 **physical presence only if:**

22 **(a) The marriage is solemnized by a judicial officer;**

23 **(b) The service member appears remotely using communication technology; and**

24 **(c) All other requirements under ORS 106.150 (1) are met.**

25 **(4) The judicial officer may waive the fee required under ORS 106.120 (4) for a marriage**
26 **solemnized as provided in this section.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
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