



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6918

January Session, 2025



AN ACT PROHIBITING FIRST COUSIN MARRIAGE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) On and after October 1,
2 2025, no person may knowingly marry such person's first cousin.

3 Sec. 2. Section 46b-20a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

5 A person is eligible to marry if such person is:

6 (1) Not a party to another marriage, or a relationship that provides
7 substantially the same rights, benefits and responsibilities as a marriage,
8 entered into in this state or another state or jurisdiction, unless the
9 parties to the marriage will be the same as the parties to such other
10 relationship;

11 (2) At least eighteen years of age;

12 (3) Except as provided in section 46b-29, not under the supervision or
13 control of a conservator; and

14 (4) Not prohibited from entering into a marriage pursuant to section
15 46b-21 or section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	46b-20a

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*