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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 25-72—sHB 6918**

*Judiciary Committee*

**AN ACT PROHIBITING FIRST COUSIN MARRIAGE**

**SUMMARY:** This act makes first cousins ineligible to marry each other. It does so by prohibiting them from knowingly entering such a marriage on or after October 1, 2025.

The law already prohibits anyone from marrying his or her parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, parent's sibling, sibling's child, stepparent, or stepchild; and makes these marriages void.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

**ELIGIBILITY TO MARRY**

By law, a person is eligible to marry, if he or she is at least age 18 and is not:

1. already married, or in a relationship that provides substantially the same rights, benefits, and responsibilities as a marriage, in Connecticut or another state or jurisdiction (unless the parties to the marriage are the same individuals in the relationship);
2. under the supervision or control of a conservator, unless the conservator's signed and acknowledged written consent is filed with the registrar of vital statistics; and
3. prohibited from entering a marriage because the other party is his or her parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, parent's sibling, sibling's child, stepparent, or stepchild.

The act expands this list of disqualifiers by making it unlawful for first cousins to knowingly marry each other.