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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2021 Senate Bill 14 revises the categories of persons who may officiate a marriage.

First, the bill replaces the reference to a “judge of a court of record” with the phrase “any justice or judge” to more clearly identify that a justice or judge from any jurisdiction is authorized to serve as a marriage officiant.

Second, the bill adds a mej koob as an authorized officiating person, for a marriage solemnized in accordance with traditional wedding ceremony customs of the Hmong people. As with other marriage officiants, the bill requires a mej koob to be at least 18 years old.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 removes the authorization for a mej koob to serve as a marriage officiant.

BILL HISTORY

Senators Kooyenga and Carpenter offered Senate Amendment 1 on March 29, 2021. On April 14, 2021, the Senate adopted the amendment, and passed the bill, as amended, on voice votes.

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