

*This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.*

*House of Representatives,  
27th August, 1926.*

*Hon. Mr. Bollard.*

MARRIAGE AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Marriage Act, 1908.

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Marriage Amendment Act, 1926, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Marriage Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Section ten of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

Conditions as to recognition as Officiating Ministers of persons not attached to any recognized religious organization.

(a.) By omitting from subsection one all words after the words "shall be entitled," and substituting the words "to require the Registrar-General to submit to the Minister of Internal Affairs a request that his name be inserted in the List of Officiating Ministers within the meaning of this Act"; and

(b.) By adding the following as subsection three thereof:—  
“(3.) If the Minister of Internal Affairs is satisfied that the body of persons named in such certificate is a religious body and that the applicant is a minister of religion and is a person of good character and otherwise qualified to act as an Officiating Minister, the Minister of Internal Affairs may, by writing under his hand, direct the Registrar-General to insert the name of the applicant in the List of Officiating Ministers, and the Registrar-General shall thereupon cause such name to be inserted accordingly.”