

House Bill 844

By: Representatives Day of the 153rd, Pelote of the 149th, Stephens of the 150th and Jenkins of the 110th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 19-3-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance of marriage licenses, so as to change the persons to whom such licenses may be directed; to amend Chapter 30 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to municipalities, so as to authorize mayors to perform marriage ceremonies; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 19-3-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance of marriage licenses, is amended by striking subsection (c) thereof and inserting in its place the following:

"(c) The license shall be directed to any judge, including judges of state and federal courts of record in this state, city recorder, mayor, magistrate, minister, or other person of any religious society or sect authorized by the rules of such society to perform the marriage ceremony; such license shall authorize the marriage of the persons therein named and require the judge, city recorder, mayor, magistrate, minister, or other authorized person to return the license to the judge of the probate court with the certificate thereon as to the fact and date of marriage within 30 days after the date of the marriage. The license with the return thereon shall be recorded by the judge in a book kept by such judge for that purpose."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 30 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to municipalities, is amended by adding at the end a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-30-14.

The mayor of any municipality is authorized to perform marriage ceremonies."

1 **SECTION 3.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.